

Online Safety Information

The Online Safety page on the school website is full of excellent guides and information on what your children may be accessing at home. Is your child using TikTok? WhatsApp? Playing FIFA? Check our website to access handy guides to keep your child's online experiences fun but safe.

<https://walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk/children/online-safety-council/>



YouTube – Parent Allowlisting

The YouTube Kids app was introduced in the UK in January 2016 and was designed to allow younger children to use YouTube in a more managed (moderated) way whilst giving parents extra controls. Whilst it is a great app, very few younger children use the YouTube Kids service. The biggest reason is usually because the channels/videos that the children want to watch are not available on the YouTube Kids app.



This has now changed. YouTube have introduced a new service called Parent Allowlisting which can be used on mobile devices where a parent can approve a video/channel from the main YouTube app into their child's YouTube Kids account.

This is a great feature and would recommend you share this with parents/carers. There is a link to a video explainer on YouTube which you can find below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVYsgC7-6ZM&list=WL&index=17>

Setting up devices for children

Many of the parents/carers are not aware of the features that are available on devices, broadband etc. which can be used to help protect their children. Internet Matters have a huge range of advice and guidance, which includes simple guides to set up devices including tablets, phones, gaming devices and much more. See the link below to help set up your child's devices:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>



New Viral Danger

Parents are being warned to be extra vigilant over seemingly fun videos that feature a menacing character with razor-sharp teeth. The animated character goes by the friendly name of **Huggy Wuggy**, leading parents and children to believe the videos are aimed at youngsters and contain no inappropriate material. This character has appeared on popular apps used by children such as YouTube, Minecraft and TikTok. Please be extra vigilant with you children over what apps they are accessing and always check the age restrictions.



<https://news.sky.com/story/parents-and-schools-concerned-about-viral-huggy-wuggy-youtube-videos-12579453>

Online Safety Council

Our fantastic Online Safety Council have had lots of fun delivering important messages to children this year. Scan the QR codes below to see what SMART messages they have delivered so far. Keep your eyes peeled for more in the future!



Useful Links

- Report to CEOP online – www.ceop.police.uk
- Call the NSPCC & O2 Online Safety Helpline – 0808 8005002
- Use NetAware to stay up to date with all the latest social network guides – www.net-aware.org.uk

