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Online Safety Council

Please welcome our brand new Online Safety Council! These children have been carefully selected to help spread important Online Safety news around the school. Keep your eyes peeled for vital Online Safety messages and videos via the school website and X (Twitter)!



Snapchat AI

In a bid to keep up with everyone else, Snapchat introduced their AI chatbot a few months ago by default into users' accounts. This was done automatically and it can be only turned off if you pay. Children may use 'Snap MyAI' for a variety of reasons such as boredom and loneliness. Negatives can include children being exposed to inappropriate content, misinformation, privacy concerns and much more.

Supporting Children's Wellbeing

From managing screen time, the fear of missing out and body image. All these and more can affect the wellbeing of children. Internet Matters have put together a great series of articles for parents and, although aimed at 9-10 year-old girls, it is worthwhile for all older and younger children, boys and girls. Please see link below:

[Internet Matters - Supporting Children's Wellbeing](#)





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Setting Boundaries around Gaming

Almost half (46%) of 8 to 11 year-olds in the UK play online video games with people that they don't necessarily know. While 55% of parents of young gamers worry that their child might be pressured into making expensive in-game purchases.



Most children find gaming immensely enjoyable, but its volume of potential risks – and capacity to influence behaviour – often make it problematic for parents. Check out the guide below from National Online Safety to help set boundaries for your children around gaming.

[Online Gaming Boundaries](#)

Live Streaming

Around one in four social media users watch other people's content in real time on those same platforms. What's more, Ofcom estimates that 58% of children in the UK have consumed video content this way – with many also creating and broadcasting their own material online. Live streaming, as it's known, has become immensely popular – with some streamers drawing tens of millions of followers. Among those viewers, however, lurk individuals who may pose a threat. Please familiarise yourself with 'live streaming' by looking at another guide from National Online Safety below:

[Live Streaming](#)



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