



In today's society children have very easy access to the internet and they often know more about computers than we do. The internet is a vital tool in education but unfortunately we have to be extremely vigilant when children are using the internet. It is far too easy for children to click on a familiar link and then click too far, opening up a virus or an inappropriate website. The issue of safety, privacy, on-line predators, child sexual exploitation and cyber bullying are sometimes complex, both technically and psychologically and parents can struggle to keep up.

There are many websites that offer key advice about keeping your children safe while they are on-line. Below are helpful links that you can use to help you keep your child safe at home.

Think U Know - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

The Parent Zone - <http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/>

Kids Smart - <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

Games Console, Media Player and Mobile Device Parent's Controls all access the internet but also provide some controls so that parents can have some control over what their children can access.

The links below will help control potential dangers.

X-BOX – <http://support.xbox.com/en-gb/pages/xbox-live/how-to/parental-control.aspx>

PS4 - <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/get-help/help-library/my-account/parental-controls/parental-controls-on-playstation-4/>

iTunes – <http://support.apple.com/kb/ht1904>

ThinkUKnow Mobiles – http://www.thinkyknow.co.uk/8_10/control/mobile/

iPhone/iPod Touch/iPad – <http://support.apple.com/kb/ht4213>

If your child's device is accessing the internet on a mobile phone network then the networks are required to provide a content filter to protect young users. However this is normally switched off to start with so you will need to contact them to enable it.

Additional Resources

If your child has accessed pornography, has sent or received inappropriate images or is in trouble with the police for something on-line a helpful booklet maybe downloaded from;-

<http://parentsprotect.co.uk/resources.htm>