



# Remote Learning

## Safety Advice

Whilst your child is using a device at home to access remote learning, please be mindful that they will be using your home internet connection which may not have the same filters and security that school has to keep them safe online.

You will need to set parental controls and supervise your child whilst they are completing their remote learning to ensure that only appropriate, safe content is viewed by your child.

### Setting Parental Controls

Please find below links for the main internet providers which give you guidance on how to set up parental controls. If your provider is not listed below, visit their website and you should be able to find a link to parental controls/keeping your child safe online.

#### BT Parent Controls

<https://www.bt.com/help/security/how-to-keep-your-family-safe-online-with-bt-parental-controls-an>

#### Virgin Parent Controls

<https://www.virginmedia.com/shop/broadband/parental-control>

#### Talk to talk

<https://www.virginmedia.com/shop/broadband/parental-control>

#### Plusnet

<https://www.plus.net/help/broadband/how-to-use-plusnet-safeguard/>

#### EE

<https://ee.co.uk/help/help-new/safety-and-security/content-lock/switching-content-lock-on-or-off>

#### Vodafone

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/parental-controls-and-filtering>

#### Sky

<https://www.sky.com/help/diagnostics/sky-broadband-shield/sky-broadband-shield>

The internet is an exciting and integral part of the modern world, and can be an exceptional tool for learning. However, using the internet is also fraught with risk, and keeping children safe when they're online and/or using social media platforms is of paramount importance. Whether it's dealing with online bullying or trolls, protecting personal data, or avoiding viruses and inappropriate or illegal materials, we strongly believe that promoting internet safety is crucial in helping young people protect themselves online.

While your child is self-isolating, it is likely that they may spend more time online and you may have concerns about keeping them safe. The link below provides a range of activities that you can do with your child to discuss online safety.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/8-10s/>

## Parent Advice

The 'Think u Know' website offers a wealth of information and advice for parents to help keep their children safe. Some of the most useful links have been provided below.

Gaming- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Children watching videos online -

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-watching-videos-online/>

Children sharing photos/videos online

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Has-your-child-shared-a-picture-or-video-online-/>

Live streaming

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

Concerns that your child has viewed inappropriate content

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Im-worried-my-primary-aged-child-might-see-something-inappropriate-online/>

Lots of children enjoy using social media. Please be mindful of the age limits below for the various social media platforms.

Social media service/platform	Age limit set by that platform
WhatsApp	16 Years+
Facebook	13 Years +
Snapchat	13 Years +
Twitter	13 Years +
Instagram	13 Years +
Musical.ly	13 Years +
Skype	13 Years +
Tik Tok	16 Years+

Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account (enabling them to subscribe to other channels, like videos, post comments, share their own content and flag inappropriate content).

Please be aware that it is not necessarily how your child may use these platforms, it is more about how your child can be accessed on them or indeed the information that others may be able to access.

If you require any further information, please use this link; <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/>