



## Welcome back...

Welcome to the second issue of Kings Worthy Primary School's Online Safety Newsletter. We aim to share some useful information on current trends and help guides that you might want to explore. Our main features in this issue include:

- Parent Resource Hub - Internet Matters
- Online Safety Spotlight - Parental Controls
- Online Trends - WhatsApp



**If you have any questions or queries about online safety, please contact:**  
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## Safer Internet Day 2023

This year's Safer Internet Day was marked by many different events in school. These events included:

- online safety assemblies
- bingo activities
- class pledges
- online safety stories

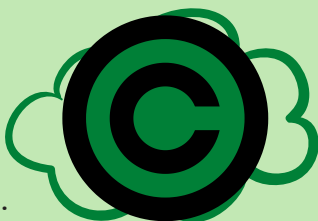
Hopefully your children have shared some of the day's events with you. We look forward to celebrating this again next year!



## Online Safety in Year 5

During their graphics unit, Year 5 have been learning all about copyright and when it is okay to use images from the internet in school and at home. This included look at the usage rights for Nintendo, and whether we are allowed to record ourselves playing games for online streaming sites.

We learnt all about how someone might feel if you were to use their content online and change it, and linked this to real life objects.



## Parent Resource Hub

Sharing a resource you could explore at home to support online safety.

**internet matters.org**

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Internet Matters has a wide range of resources to support conversations about online safety at home. It allows parents to ask for help or report problems. Some of their key pages include:

### Personalised Toolkits:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

#### My Family's Digital Toolkit

Enter your details to receive your personalised toolkit once you've completed the form.

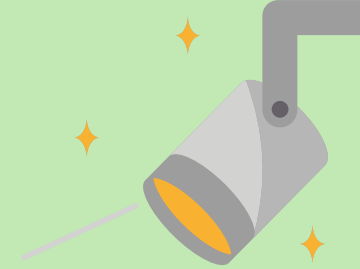
### Inappropriate Content:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/>



# ONLINE SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

## Parental Controls



Parental controls are a tool used by parents that put a control on what children can see or access online. This is the name for the groups of settings that can be changed and altered by parents to filter inappropriate content, and reduce the risk of cyberbullying and other online safety concerns. It is important to remember that parental controls are only one part of online safety; the conversation we have with children are just as important.

'Internet Matters' have a useful tool where you can filter each device and learn how to set up parental controls. Some of the most popular sites are linked below, but 'Internet Matters' has a wide range of other devices and sites as well:



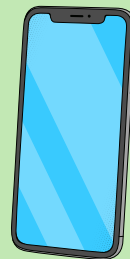
### TikTok:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/tiktok-privacy-and-safety-settings/>



### Instagram:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/instagram/>



### Apple iPhone and iPad:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/apple-iphone-and-ipad-parental-control-guide/>

**Parental controls guides:** <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

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

## Online Trends - WhatsApp



### What?

Free app where users can send encrypted messages to other users via an internet connection. Users must verify the account with a mobile number.

### Popularity?

WhatsApp has an estimated 2 billion users worldwide (as of 2022) meaning it enables users to interact internationally.

- free and secure
- uses internet, not phone credit

WhatsApp has a variety of uses which make it popular. Users can send and receive voice notes, videos, images, 'view once' messages and emojis. This can be 1 to 1, or within group chats.

- **Age restrictions** - WhatsApp is restricted to user 16 years old in Europe.
- **Group chats** - can allow up to 512 people in one group. If you have blocked someone, they can still contact you within it.
- **Blocking** - you can block using the three dots in conversations. To permanently delete from WhatsApp, delete the contact from the linked phone.
- **Privacy settings** - anybody can search and see account information (profile photo, status, when last used). Switching this to 'my contacts' controls this. Information on this through the link below:

### More information:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>

If you would like any more information, to contact us about any concerns you have, or have anything you would like to see in our next newsletter, please contact Mr Rule via the admin office email.

