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Safer Internet Day - 8th Feb 2022

Are you aware that the Safer Internet Day theme this year is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'? For further information please click on the following links: [Safer Internet Day](#) / <http://simfinuk.com/resources>

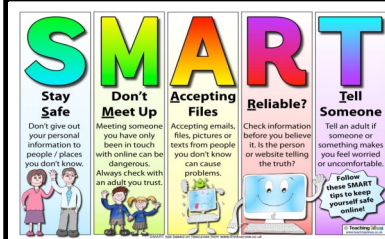
[What's The Problem - Guide for parents of children who have got into trouble on-line](#)



What Are The Risks?

As you know there are lots of fun and interesting things children can do on the internet & that it can be a great way to stay in touch online. But do you know what to do when things go wrong? For further information please click on the following link:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>



SMART Rules

Do you know the 'SMART' rules for staying safe online?

For further information please click on the following link:

<https://www.childnet.com/young-people/primary/get-smart>



Think U Know

Have you checked out the Think U Know website? This website provides the latest information on the sites young people like to visit, mobiles and new technology. It discusses what's good; what's not so good about the internet and also, about online risks and what you can do about them: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



That's Not Cool

Do you know how to help young people and their parents understand how mobile phones, instant messaging and online profiles are all digital extensions of who we are? The That's Not Cool website aims to provide young people with information about what is or is not okay in their digital relationships and the tools to resist peer pressure:

<https://thatsnotcool.com/>



Keeping Children Safe Online

Do you find it hard to keep up with the constant changes of the digital world? There seems to be a new app, social media, or game every other week. This can sometimes mean that children know more about the online world than we do. For further information please click on the following link:

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/online-safety>



Online Mental Health

Mind explains the benefits and challenges to your mental health of being online, and gives ideas for looking after yourself online and getting support. It, also provides information on staying safe online and getting the balance right between your online and offline life:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/online-mental-health/about-online-mental-health/>

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Online Child Exploitation

Are you aware that online sexual exploitation most commonly includes grooming, live streaming, consuming child sexual abuse material, and coercing and blackmailing children for sexual purposes? As technology advances, new forms of this crime emerge. For further information please click on the following link:

<https://www.ecpat.org/what-we-do/online-child-sexual-exploitation/>

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ANYTIME
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Online Grooming

Are you aware that online grooming is when someone builds an online relationship with a child/young person and tricks them or pressures them into doing something? For further information please click on the following link:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/online-grooming/>

NSPCC

Social Media / Online Gaming

Are you aware that there are lots of benefits for children and young people when using the internet but there are also risks? <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/social-media-and-online-safety>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>



Cyber Bullying

Do you know that cyber bullying is any form of bullying which takes place online or through smartphones and tablets? Social networking sites, messaging apps, gaming sites and chat rooms such as Facebook, Xbox Live, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat and other chat rooms can be great fun and a positive experience. But what do you do when things go wrong? <https://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/what-is-cyberbullying/>



Sextortion

Do you know that criminals might befriend victims online by using a fake identity and then persuade them to perform sexual acts in front of their webcam? Children could be coerced into these actions using financial incentives or threats:

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/what-we-do/crime-threats/kidnap-and-extortion/sextortion-webcam-blackmail>

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Sexting & Sharing Nudes

Do you know what to do if a young person shares a nude picture on line? Young people can often be under pressure to share nude pictures of themselves or others on line. For further information please click on the following link: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/sexting/>

**internet
matters.org**

Radicalisation

Do you know that radicalisation is the process through which a person comes to support or be involved in extremist ideologies. It can result in a person becoming drawn into terrorism and is in itself a form of harm: <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/radicalisation/> <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/dedicated-helplines/protecting-children-from-radicalisation>

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Digital Citizens

Have you accessed the Digizen website? This website provides information for parents, carers, and young people. It is used to strengthen their awareness and understanding of what digital citizenship is and encourages users of technology to be and become responsible Digital Citizens: <https://www.digizen.org/>



Internet Matters

Have you accessed the Internet Matters portal which aims to direct parents and carers to credible and helpful information on how to keep children safe online? For further information please click on the following:

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



New AI Technique to Block Online Grooming

Are you aware of the Home Office and Microsoft's AI Technique to block online grooming? For further information please click on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-ai-technique-to-block-online-child-grooming-launched>



What is the Dark Web?

What is the dark web? How do people access it? Is it illegal? For further information please click on the following link:

[What Is The Dark Web? | The Children's Society \(childrensociety.org.uk\)](https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-is-the-dark-web/)



Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre

Are you aware of the CEOP Centre which is the UK's national police agency set up to tackle online child sexual abuse? If you are worried about someone's behaviour towards a child, either online or offline, you can report this at:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/>



Tees Online Child Abuse Procedures

Have you read the latest Tees Online Child Abuse procedure? If not please go to the Online Child Abuse page on the Tees Safeguarding Children Procedures website:

<https://www.teescpp.org.uk/procedures-and-guidance-on-specific-issues-that-affect-children/online-child-abuse/>



HSSCP Website

Don't forget to check out the online safety page in the professionals section of the HSSCP website which give you access to various useful resources to assist you in your role. To access the resources please go to:

<https://hsscp.co.uk/professionals/page/55>