



# ONLINE SAFETY FOCUS

We know that Christmas can be a time when children may have received new devices or games and that this can lead to a whole new world of online discovery - lots of it good, some of it concerning. Empowering our children to use devices and online games safely helps the children to take control and flag things up when they are unsure / worried. We hope that the following guides will support you in empowering your children in the safest ways of using the online technology available to them:

## Guides for Parents

How to Set Up or Adjust Nintendo Switch Parental Controls

<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Support/Nintendo-Switch/How-to-Set-Up-or-Adjust-Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1494771.html>

Fortnite Battle Royale Parental Controls

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/parent-controls-docs/parental-control-fortnite-chapter-2-battle-royale-parental-controls-guide.pdf>

Epic Games Store Parental Controls

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/epic-games-store-parental-controls-guide/>

Manage Xbox Online Safety and Privacy Settings

<https://support.xbox.com/en-US/help/family-online-safety/online-safety/manage-online-safety-and-privacy-settings-xbox-one>

Online Gaming Advice Hub

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>

Windows 10 Parental Controls

[https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/family-safety?ocid=family\\_signin&rtc=1](https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/family-safety?ocid=family_signin&rtc=1)

Screen Time Advice

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/>

The Metaverse and VR Headsets Guide for Parents

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2022/christmas-vr-safety-advice-for-parents-metaverse/>

Better Internet for Kids Portal

This is an online portal maintained by all the Safer Internet Centres around Europe with information, resources and videos to support Online Safety for Children and Young People.

<https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu/web/portal/home>



## Further Information for Parents/Carers

Internet Matters - <http://www.internetmatters.org/>

Including information, advice and support for parents to Keep Children Safe Online. From age-specific online safety checklists to guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, you'll find a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world.

Vodafone Digital Parenting - <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

Helping families live a happy and safe digital life.

Information, advice and support including Digital Parenting magazine and other resources.

Parents' Guide to Technology – <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/a-parents-guide>

Advice about smartphones, gaming devices, tablets and other internet-connected devices.

Parent and Carers Toolkit

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>

The following image has come from the 2022 Ofcom report [Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022](#). We feel it gives us all plenty of food for thought:

