



# Online Newsletter

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**Thinkuknow** advises parents that children at primary school should not have access to the internet in private spaces like

bedrooms. They should only go online in communal spaces so that adults can supervise them. This can be tricky for parents to enforce so have an honest conversation with your children about why this is important to do.

### TOP TIPS

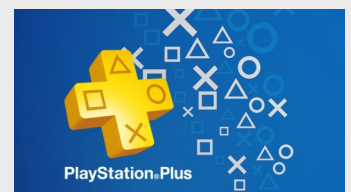


Role-play some different scenarios with your children. Pretend to be a stranger arranging to meet up with your child online. Decide together exactly what your child should do if somebody tries to arrange a meeting, either online or in person.



### X-Box live and PlayStation Plus

Children and adults alike love playing computer games on consoles such as PlayStation and X-Box. It can be a really enjoyable way to stay in contact with friends during this difficult time!



However, much of the online gaming that takes place on these consoles is with strangers and the games are mostly unmonitored. Unfortunately, there have been many reported cases of young children being exposed to extremely inappropriate language on these consoles, as well as receiving verbal abuse and direct threats. This can be very distressing for children.

Having consoles in communal areas is one way to monitor what your child is doing online as this allows you to intervene and report if something inappropriate is said. If the console is in your child's bedroom, then having the rule that doors must be left open can help. You can edit the settings on your child's console as well so they cannot play against strangers, only friends they have invited. You can also **mute** online chat so your child cannot hear other people talking. Again, it's all about using this amazing technology safely!

Click on the images to the right for more help on protecting your children online.

If you have an urgent online safety concern that you feel you need support with, please contact the office at Priory Fields: 01304 211543

Remember, if you think your child is in danger you should call the police.

