



Online Newsletter

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#OnlineSafetyAtHome

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Follow the links below to THINKUKNOW'S #OnlineSafetyAtHome packs. They're updated regularly. **4-5 years** **5-7 years** **8-10 years**

There is also a new video for **11-13 years** **14+ years** parents all about live streaming:

Live streaming

CHILDNET—videos to support online safety

Childnet have released videos aimed at children aged 6-9 years old about staying SMART when

online. As well as the educational videos, there are linked activities, resources and discussion prompts. Click on the logo to access these fantastic free resources.



SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY— GROOMING

It has become a sad and distressing reality that more children have become the victims of online grooming as they access the internet more. Online grooming refers to people befriending children over the internet to take advantage of them for sexual purposes.

Groomers will often use fake profiles on social media platforms to gain the trust and friendship of children. They will use fake pictures and display similar likes and interests as their intended victims to gain their trust. They will attempt to either gain indecent images of the children or arrange meetings. If inappropriate images have been shared with a groomer, they will often blackmail children, by threatening to share the images with friends and family, in order to make their victim provide more.

Online grooming is often hard to recognise, but here are some signs to be aware of:

- Wanting to spend more and more time on the internet.
- Being secretive about who they are talking to online and what sites they visit.
- Switching screens when you come near the computer.
- Possessing items such as phones or tablets that you haven't given them (these may be gifts from groomers).
- Becoming emotionally volatile.

Following the advice given in these newsletters will create a much safer online learning environment for your children. However, if you are concerned about your child and grooming, you should contact CEOP (see link at the bottom of the page). If you think your child is in immediate danger, contact the police.

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 your child's school:

Priory Fields: 01304 211543

St Martin's: 01304 206620

Vale View: 01304 202821

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