



# ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome!

Welcome to our new Kings Worthy Primary School Online Safety Newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to read through some of the updates and information we want to share about online safety at Kings Worthy. Our aim is to give you useful, up to date information that will help to keep all of our school community safe on the internet. This should also support you in having conversations with your children about using the internet in a positive way.

**If you have any questions or queries about online safety, please contact:**

**Mr. Rule** (Computing Lead)

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## Safer Internet Day 2023

Kings Worthy will be supporting this year's Safer Internet Day on **Tuesday 7th February**, joining up to 170 countries around the world! The theme for this year is '**Want to talk about it?**' and will promote children to have a voice about their online usage, while encouraging adults, parents, carers, teachers and governments to listen to children and begin to make a more positive internet community.

Children will take part in a range of activities in their class on the day, and throughout the week. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating this by continuing these conversations at home. It is important children can see the benefits of the internet, and feel comfortable to share any worries they have about what they see with adults they trust.

## Is the Internet good or bad for our children?

The internet is a very powerful tool that can be used for good, but comes with its own dangers.

At Kings Worthy, we want to encourage children to talk about their internet use, as this will make us more aware of how to best support them. It has been widely reported that, if we lock technology and the internet away from children, they will keep their activities secret. Working together will mean children are more likely to talk to trusted adults when they feel unsafe online.



## How to support at home...



### Visit our Online Safety Page:

<https://www.kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk/key-information/online-safety-at-kings-worthy>



### KS1 Home Resources:

App recommend - which apps do your children recommend for you?



### KS2 Home Resources:

Tech or no tech? Which activities are better on or off a computer?

How well do you know me? Try the multiple choice scenario quiz!



### Safer Internet Day Website:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2023**

**Tuesday  
7 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](https://saferinternetday.org.uk)

# ONLINE SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

## Age Restrictions

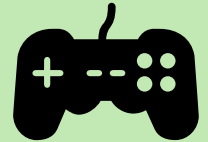
Age restrictions set out the guide for what is deemed to be suitable for users on a website, film or social media platform. They are there to help you determine whether the program is suitable for children. While age ratings can be helpful, they can change depending on the guidance you look at, and only offer a guide, meaning that certain risks and content may still be available to view that might be upsetting for children of primary school age.



**Snapchat:**  
**13+**  
*NSPCC Website*



**WhatsApp:**  
**16 minimum**  
*Safer Internet Centre*



**Xbox Live - 18 (without consent)**  
*Microsoft with parent consent*



**Instagram:**  
**13**  
*Instagram Help Pages*



**Roblox:**  
**7**  
*PEGI*

**Playstation - 18 (without family)**  
*Through a family account*



**Facebook:**  
**13**  
*Facebook Help Pages*



**TikTok:**  
**13+**  
*ParentZone*

**Minecraft - 7+**  
*PEGI, App Store is 9+*

**Nintendo - 16+**  
*Nintendo*

More detailed information about age restrictions: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

## Online Trends - TikTok



**What?**  
Social media app where users with an account can create, share and view videos with music or 'sounds'.

### Popularity?

- creativity and imagination
- no 'right or wrong' content
- learning skills
- no user information on their profile

TikTok saw a spike in popularity over lockdown as more of us made videos to music or joined fun trends and challenges. However, **users must be 13 years old**, and will remain private until 16 years old.

### Being aware of the dangers...

- **Content** - some challenges and content can be dangerous and not suitable viewing for children.
- **Parental controls** - Family Pairing on TikTok will allow you to view and control elements of your children's account while they are under 16.
- **Age Restrictions** - children must be 13 years old or over to have an account. From the age of 13 to 16, their account is automatically set to private.

### More information:

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

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.

