

Staying safe on the internet

With Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 7th February) fast approaching we would like to take this opportunity of directing you to a few useful websites to help you keep your child safe online.

internet matters.org

www.Internetmatters.org

Internet Matters is an independent, not-for-profit organisation to help parents keep their children safe online. This website provides you with hundreds of practical tips for parents, regardless of how old your child is, for staying safe on the Internet. On here you can find safety checklists for children of different age groups along with information about how you

can set controls and filters for your computers and mobile devices at home.

WWW.net-aware.org.uk 'Your guide to the social networks your kids use – stay up to date and

keep your child safe in today's digital world'. Do you know your Facebook from Twitter or OOvoo from Fling? If not this is the website for you!





www.parentinfo.org – This is a new service with expert information about how to keep young people safe online. There is a particularly useful section (<u>http://parentinfo.org/articles/</u> <u>top-tips</u>) where parents can receive 'top-tips' about various aspects of online safety.

<u>SAVE THE DATE!</u> www.Safety-adviser.com



Alan Mackenzie from this website will be visiting the local primary and secondary schools to talk to students about staying safe on the Internet and some do's and don'ts for social networking... In addition to this he will be holding a talk for **parents** around the theme of keeping children safe online which will be held in the **Chichester High School Theatre at 6:30pm on Tuesday 7th February** and at **The Regis School on Wednesday 8th February at 6:30pm.**

If you can get to one of these venues, the talk is extremely helpful.



www.familysafety.microsoft.com

Microsoft Family Safety developed by Microsoft, is free parental monitoring and content-control software.



Block websites - You can make sure that adult websites are blocked for the kids in your family. You can block specific sites, too—or choose which sites you want your kids to see.



Play time is important. Let them have fun, safely - You can allow your child to download apps and games appropriate for their age, and still make sure they don't get anything they're not ready for yet.



A window into their digital life - Get recent activity reports on sites visited, apps used, games played, and screen time. Or, check in online anytime.



Set good screen time habits - Together, you can talk about good habits and set limits on how much time they can spend with their screens.



Family Safety

www.ourpact.com

Teaching Responsibility Through Technology

OurPact is a leading parental control app for iPhones, iPads, and iPods that makes it easy for you to set limits on how much time your

children are spending on their mobile devices. Create schedules, block all Internet and app use at a moment's notice or reward them with the allowance feature.

It allows you to balance the risks and rewards of iOS and Android technology for your family, with ease.

www.selfiecop.com

SelfieCop teaches kids to Stop-&-Think before taking or sharing photos. It works in 2 ways:

- Every time the camera is activated a message appears to remind kids that their photos could (ultimately) be seen by anyone.
- 2. **SelfieCop** can also send parents a copy of photos taken by the camera, so they can be reviewed for safety (until their children are older).

By deterring Sexting the app also helps to:

- Reduce cyberbullying.
- Restore discipline in the classroom.
- Prevent the criminalisation of kids.



SelfieCop is aimed at kids aged about 7-13 years, when they get their first smartphone.

The idea is to teach safe behaviours early, so when they are older (and a tool like SelfieCop is less appropriate) they are more likely to think-twice before sharing an unsafe image.