

Online Safety Newsletter January 2023

I hope you are all well.

This is my January issue for the year for online safety.

Just a reminder: Internet Safety Day will take place on February 7th 2023.

WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

At Charlton, the children are taught the SMART targets which can be seen on the poster below:



The Digital Leaders have created their first video which they hope to show to their peers during Internet Safety Day.

What is Yobo?

Yobo is an online dating app for teenagers and is very similar to the app named Tinder and is targeting at ages 17+.

There is an option to 'Discover' where swiping left can dismiss a picture and swiping right to share a 'like' to the other user. If both users swipe right then a match is made.

The app can allow parents to put in restrictions that enable the phone number and the swipe option to be unavailable to others.

The dangers could be from members of the public making false profiles – therefore endangering your child online.

You can find more information here <https://protectyoungeyes.com/apps/yobo-parental-controls/#:~:text=Yubo%27s%20settings%20allow%20parents%20to,who%20are%20using%20the%20app.>

Did you know?

There is an app called 'Bark' which alerts anybody of a purchase or a download of an app. You can find out more by visiting <https://www.bark.us/protects/pye/>

bark 

www.Internetmatters.org

Internet matters spread concern over a number of Tik Tok challenges or Tik Tok influencers.

They report that although some challenges are fun, there are others that need to be monitored much closely.

They have some very helpful videos on their website which tells you everything you need to know about Tik Tok and their challenges.

You need to be 13+ years to be on Tik Tok.

In June 2022, Tik Tok gave new prompts to help manage screen time.

You can report the content you are viewing – if it is a concern.

Remember:

Please monitor your children's internet use at all times when they are using devices.

What to do if you need to report harmful content?

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/harmful-content-online-an-explainer/>

Even though we use filters and parental controls, things still slip past the algorithms

and may cause your child to be distressed or made to feel uncomfortable. It is vital that you report harmful content as this could save another child being subject to seeing or hearing inappropriate things online.

Please use the Report Harmful Content on the internet so that we can keep all families safe.



Safe search engines you can use at home!

- 1- Kidtopia.
- 2- Kid's Search Engine.
- 3- Kiddle.
- 4- DuckDuckGo.
- 5- GoGooligans.
- 6- KidRex.
- 7- Safe Search Kids.
- 8- KidzSearch.
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Helpful video and guidance to online safety for parents/carers.

<https://youtu.be/nQ7TYRYoF4M>

Helpful websites for you:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

Save the date!

Safer Internet Day 2023 which will take place on **Tuesday, 7 February 2023.**

If you have any questions or need any advice about internet safety. Please do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes Mrs Morton.