



Internet Safety for Everyone November 2023

This is the newsletter that will be shared each half term to explain ways to keep your children safe on the internet. As you will have seen School Council are learning about this and sharing information in their classrooms.

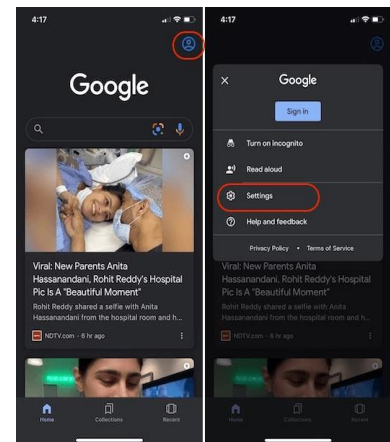


Safe Searching

There is so much online that we would not want our child to view and even an innocent search can result in inappropriate content being seen.

To make our child’s online world safer, we would firstly recommend switching on **Safesearch settings** for the search engine your child uses. However, as not all search engines allow you to ‘lock’ Safesearch on (so users may be able to simply turn it off), we would encourage you to apply further parental controls.

For some search engines, for example Google, you can set up a Family management account, which will ensure that Safesearch settings cannot be switched off. We would recommend using a family management account (either Google or Microsoft) so even if your child is using a search engine that cannot be locked, there will at least be an additional level of content filtering provided.



In addition to the above, make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on your home broadband (and any consoles/ devices/ apps/ websites that your child uses/accesses) for example, to restrict access to explicit websites or access to websites that are not suitable for children.

Please remember that no filtering/ parental control is 100% safe, so it is important that you talk to your child about how they can stay safe online and that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they need to.

CEOP have produced an article exploring what you could do if your child sees something inappropriate online: [What to do if your child has seen something inappropriate online. \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/what-to-do-if-your-child-has-seen-something-inappropriate-online)

Further information: **Parent Zone** have published an article to help you understand searching in more detail: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/search-engines>