

# Halifax Online

## How do we teach Online Safety at Halifax?

At Halifax, we teach Online Safety through our Computing lessons as well as our PSHE sessions. During these lessons we focus on educating the children on the 4C's of online safety:

- Content**            What children are seeing
- Contact**            Who children are communicating with
- Conduct**            How children behave online
- Commerce**        The dangers of spending online



At the beginning of this half term, we celebrated Safer Internet day in our whole school and talking assemblies. We asked our children, across the school, about what they like to do online and which devices they use. This is what they said...

### Early Years

- 'I like listening to music'
- 'I like playing games on my tablet'
- 'I like playing games on the phone'
- 'I like watching videos on TikTok'

### Key Stage 1

- 'I like drawing'
- 'I like playing Paddington Run on my tablet'
- 'I like playing games on my Nintendo Switch'
- 'I am learning to speak Spanish'

### Lower Key Stage 2

- 'I like playing Times Table Rock Stars'
- 'I like playing Roblox and Minecraft'
- 'I like playing Fortnite'
- 'I like to listen to Spotify'

### Upper Key Stage 2

- 'I like Googling stuff'
- 'I like to shop online'
- 'I like to watch videos on TikTok'
- 'I use WhatsApp to message my friends'

From what the children told us, most are accessing online content through a gaming console, phone or tablet. When we asked the children about their favourite apps, this is what they told us, you might be surprised to see what they are using and at what age. Click on the apps below for further information about how to ensure your child is using this safely.

<b>Early Years</b>	<a href="#">YouTube</a> <a href="#">TikTok</a> <a href="#">Roblox</a> <a href="#">Pokemon Go</a>
<b>Key Stage 1</b>	<a href="#">YouTube</a> <a href="#">TikTok</a> <a href="#">Fortnite</a> <a href="#">Roblox</a>
<b>Lower Key Stage 2</b>	<a href="#">Netflix</a> <a href="#">Minecraft</a> <a href="#">TikTok</a> <a href="#">Snapchat</a> <a href="#">Facebook</a> <a href="#">Disney+</a> <a href="#">YouTube</a> <a href="#">WhatsApp</a> <a href="#">Spotify</a> <a href="#">Amazon Prime</a>
<b>Upper Key Stage 2</b>	<a href="#">Twitch</a> <a href="#">Instagram</a> <a href="#">Facebook</a> <a href="#">TikTok</a> <a href="#">Roblox</a> <a href="#">WhatsApp</a> <a href="#">Netflix</a> <a href="#">Disney+</a> <a href="#">Spotify</a> <a href="#">YouTube</a> <a href="#">Snapchat</a> <a href="#">Online Shopping</a>

## What can parents do to ensure their children are as safe as they can be online?

- Ensure you have set parental controls and privacy on devices and Apps:  
[How to set up controls for privacy on an Android Device](#)  
[How to set up controls for privacy on an Apple Device](#)  
[How to set parent controls for Android Apps](#)  
[How to set parent controls for Apple Apps](#)
- Have open and honest discussions with your child about their activity online.  
[A Guide for Parents and Carers About Having Open Discussions About Digital Lives](#)
- Begin by using new apps together so you and your child know how they can use these safely.
- When something goes wrong online, discuss with your child what can they do to keep themselves safe and what they may do differently next time.

## How can you support your child to use WhatsApp safely?

More and more of our children are using WhatsApp to communicate with friends. Whilst this can be a fun way to communicate, we have had a small number of instances where this platform is being used to be unkind or share comments made by others without their knowledge. The age rating for WhatsApp is 16 years old and whilst we might think this is high for such an app, users need to be mature enough to use the platform responsibly and manage chat groups. Evidence has shown that apps such as these can have a negative impact on children's mental wellbeing. If you know your child uses WhatsApp, have a discussion with them about the groups they are in and the content of the messages. You may find this article on [Social Media and Mental Health](#) interesting, click on the link to view.



**For more information visit our Online Safety page on our school website:**

**<https://halifax-primary-school.secure-primarystate.net/online-safety/>**

**If you have concerns about the safety of a child online, please contact our Safeguarding Team via the school office or use the contact form at the bottom of the Online Safety page on our school website.**