

Grange Community Junior School

E–Safety Newsletter



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Broadband set up

Have you set up appropriate settings on your broadband/Wi-Fi? Most broadband providers include parental controls for free as part of their broadband package, which means that any device that connects to your Wi-Fi will be protected by any controls you set up. Find out how to set yours up here:

Sky: <https://www.sky.com/help/articles/sky-broadband-buddy-start>

BT: <https://www.bt.com/help/security/how-to-keep-your-family-safe-online-with-bt-parental-controls-an>

Talk Talk: <https://community.talktalk.co.uk/t5/Keeeping-your-Family-Safe/bd-p/kfshub>

Virgin: <https://www.virginmedia.com/broadband/parental-control>

Remember, children may have devices that use mobile data, so they won't always be connected to your wifi. Ensure you set up parental controls on these devices too.

Test Your Internet Filter

SWGfL have created a tool to test your filtering to give you an indication that your broadband is blocking certain categories. Access it here: <http://testfiltering.com/>



This year's safer internet day is taking place on Tuesday 7th February. The theme for this year is 'Want to talk about it?' with the aim for children to talk about online conversations. It is never too early or too late to start conversations about safety online.

Internet matters have many different resources to support parents on talking to their children about how to stay safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Internet-Matters-Create-Environment-for-Kids-to-Talk-Jan-2023-2.pdf>

How old is your child online?

Has your child (or you on their behalf) signed up to access social media/or a game online but have said that they are older than they are so they can have an account? For example, did your 8 year old join TikTok and put their age as 13 or did you create their account and put your own age? If so, please read some of the implications outlined below that you should think about.

If TikTok thinks your child is 13 when they join but they are in fact 8, then by the time your child reaches 13, the app will think they are 18. This puts your child at risk of viewing content that is not age appropriate and may mean your child will view adverts aimed at adults. In addition, now the app thinks your child is an adult, they will have access to all functionalities (whereas some apps place restrictions on access to under 18s for example to direct messaging)

Age ratings

Parent Zone provide some advice on age ratings and why they matter in this blog:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>



Criminals continue to find new and devious ways to attempt to hijack our online transactions and harvest our private information. Check out the NOS guide for advice on beefing up your household's cyber resilience. Click on the image to access the link.

