



Childnet
International

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UK Safer
Internet
Centre

www.saferinternet.org.uk

Childnet International is a non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.

Childnet is one of three organisations partnered to form the UK Safer Internet Centre.

The UK Safer Internet Centre, appointed by the European Commission, has three main functions: an awareness centre, a helpline for professionals and a hotline to report and remove child sex abuse imagery and videos.

Jobs that didn't exist 10 years ago:



- AI engineer (those making robots and driverless cars)
- App developer
- Drone pilot
- Vlogger/ You tuber/ Blogger/ Social media influencers
- Bit coin trader/ banker
- Data miner
- Social media manager
- Professional gamer

The internet is a wonderful thing and we must remember that; however we must also be aware of the risks.

RISKS



What does your child love doing online?
What services and devices do they use?



The online world can be exciting and inspiring. It has lots of opportunities to offer young people. However it is important to manage and minimise the associated risks.



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CONDUCT



Children need to be aware of the impact that their online activity can have on both themselves and other people, and the digital footprint that they create on the internet.



It's easy to feel anonymous online and it's important that children are aware of who is able to view, and potentially share, the information that they may have posted.



When using the internet, it's important to keep personal information safe and not share it with strangers.





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CONTENT



Some online content is not suitable for children and may be hurtful or harmful. This is true for content accessed and viewed via social networks, online games, blogs and websites.



It's important for children to consider the reliability of online material and be aware that it might not be true or written with a bias.



There can be legal consequences for using or downloading copyrighted content, without seeking the author's permission.



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CONTACT



It is important for children to realise that new friends made online may not be who they say they are and that once a friend is added to an online account, you may be sharing your personal information with them.



If you have concerns that your child is, or has been, the subject of inappropriate sexual contact or approach by another person (including, but not limited to, a request to meet up or a request for images/videos), it's vital that you report it to the police via the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (www.ceop.police.uk).





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CYBERBULLYING



Cyberbullying is bullying which takes place online or using technology. It is important that young people know what to do if they or their friends are the victims of cyberbullying.



Cyberbullying can happen in many different ways including unkind messages or comments, the sharing of embarrassing photos or exclusion from group chats.



Children need to understand that their online actions can be just as hurtful as offline actions and that seeking to deliberately hurt or upset someone is always unacceptable.



SEXTING

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Sexting is taking and sharing a nude, partially nude or sexually explicit image or video.



If the person in the image is under-18 then it **breaks the law**. The Protection of Children Act states that it is illegal to create, distribute or possess an indecent image of a child, including self-generated images (e.g. selfies).



The police take a common sense approach and are not seeking to criminalise young people, but do have a duty of care if asked to investigate.



In the online world, content can get very far, very quickly and young people need to understand that they may lose control of who else sees their image. This can lead to emotional and reputational consequences.



Sexting is a risk even for younger children. A child with access to a device, who can take a photo and send it on, may not understand the possible consequences and just think they're being funny.



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ADVICE ON CYBERBULLYING

Discuss cyberbullying with your child - teach the importance of online respect and make sure they know they can talk to you if they have any worries or concerns.

If they are a victim of this type of behaviour:



Do save the evidence



Do report to your school/ the police



Do use online tools to report and block the perpetrator.



Don't deny your child access to a device or service. They may feel punished when they're already the victim.



Don't retaliate.



ADVICE ON SEXTING

Discuss sexting with your child - ensure they know that once this kind of content gets out there, it's very difficult to get it back and the consequences of this can be very upsetting.



An open and honest dialogue with your child is absolutely key.

Talk to them about their internet use and let them know they can talk to you.

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The screenshot shows the Childnet International website page titled "Have a conversation". The page features a header with the Childnet International logo and navigation links: "Young people", "Teachers and Professionals", "Parents and Carers", "Press and Policy", "What we do", "Our Projects", and "Vacancies". Below the header is a search bar and a "Support Us" button. The main content area includes a large image of a woman and two children looking at a laptop. The title "Have a conversation" is prominently displayed. Below the title, there is a paragraph explaining the importance of dialogue and a list of "Conversation starter ideas" with four numbered points. A sidebar on the right contains a "What do I need to know?" menu with options: "Need help?", "Hot topics", "Things to do", and "Have a conversation". At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a note about detailed information regarding specific topics.

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Have a conversation

A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion. By maintaining an open dialogue with your child and encouraging them to talk to you about their internet use parents can help children access the amazing resources the internet has to offer whilst keeping them safe online.

Conversation starter ideas:

- 1 Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
- 2 Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- 3 Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and [how to report](#) or block on the services they use.
- 4 Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.

What do I need to know?

- Need help?
- Hot topics
- Things to do
- Have a conversation

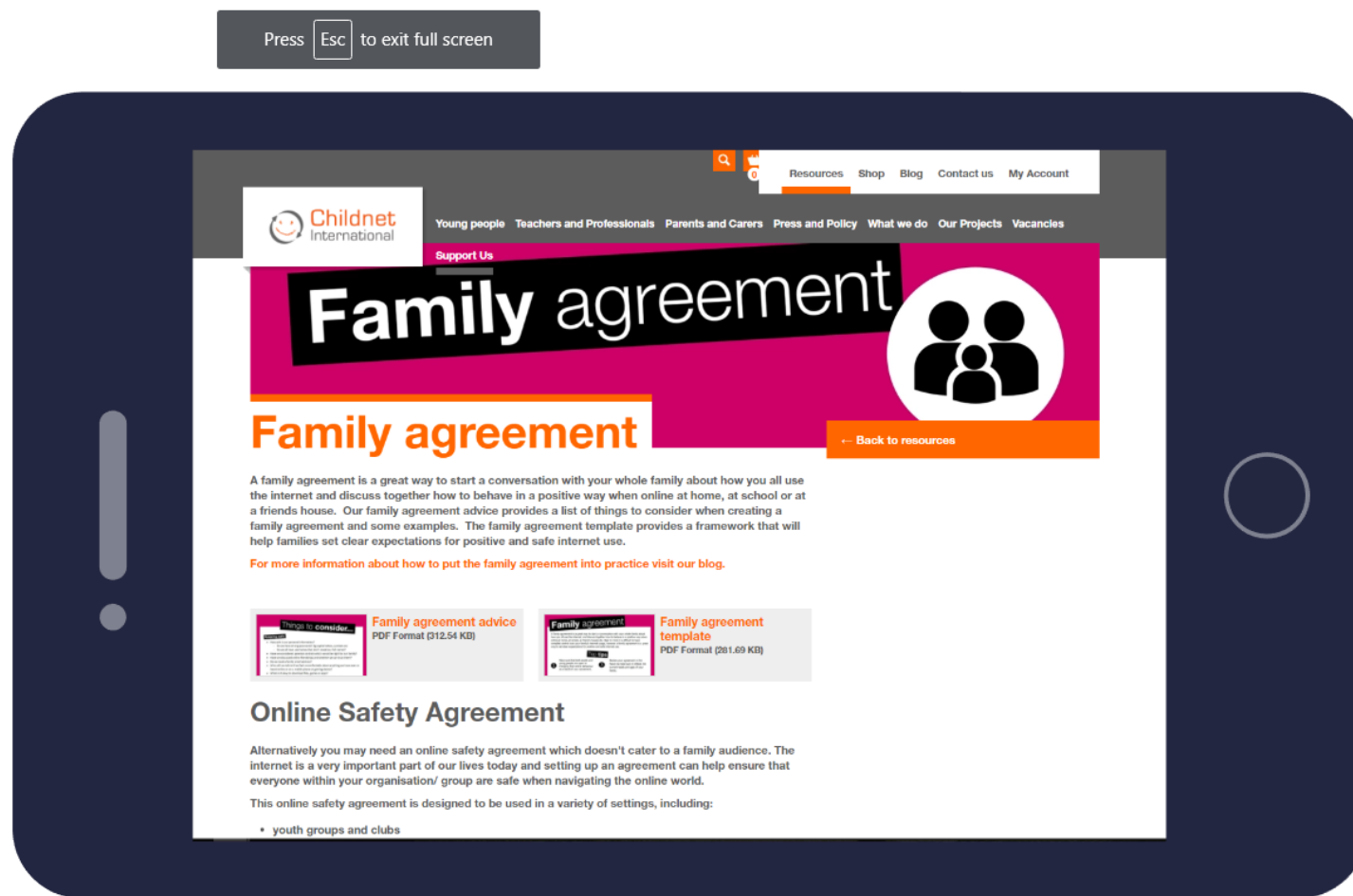
For detailed information regarding specific topics such as social networking, online grooming, gaming, downloading etc see our [Hot topics](#).

www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation

Consider setting a family agreement to open discussion.

Establish boundaries and your expectations as a family.

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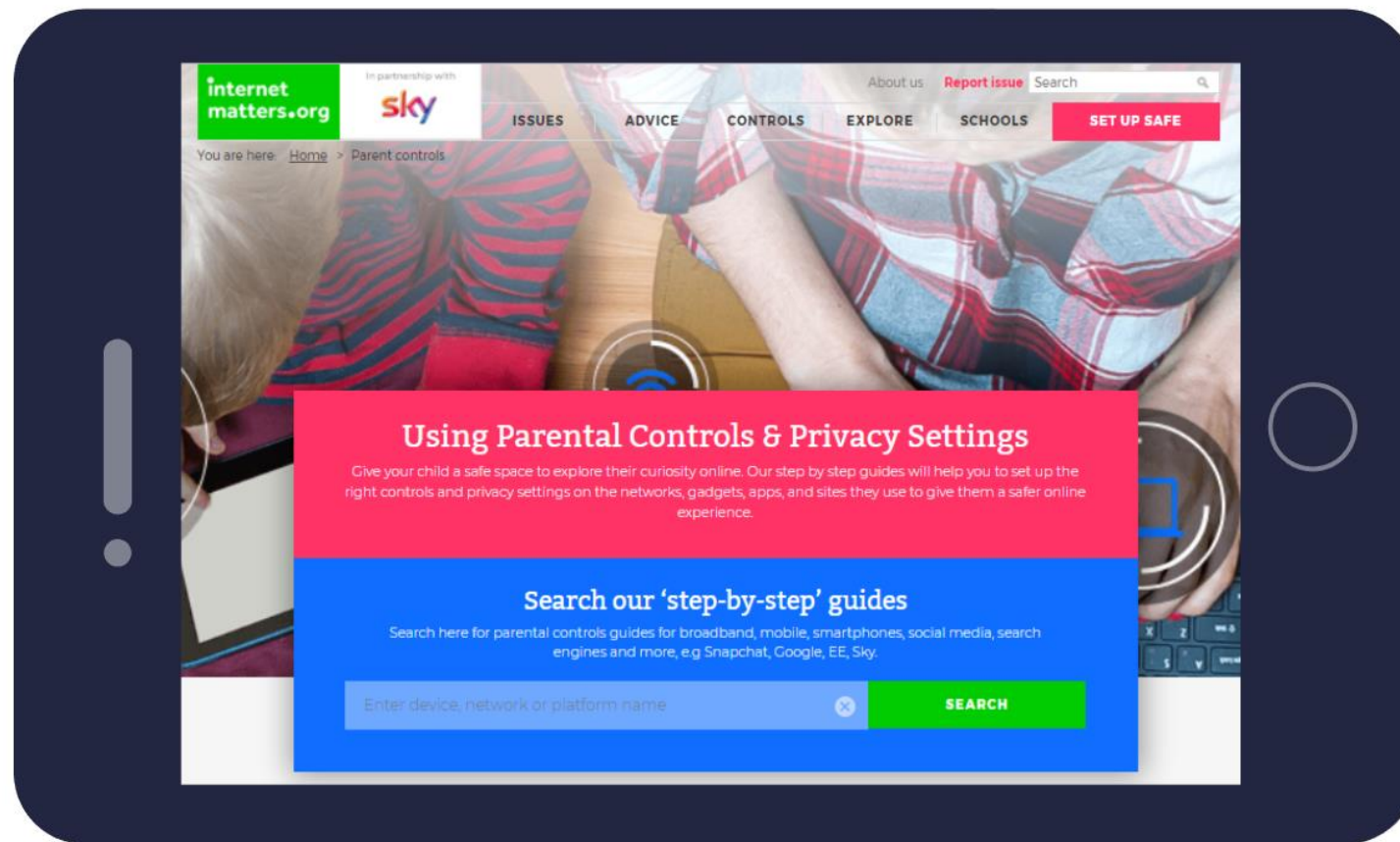
The screenshot shows the Childnet International website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Resources, Shop, Blog, Contact us, and My Account. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Young people, Teachers and Professionals, Parents and Carers, Press and Policy, What we do, Our Projects, and Vacancies. The main content area features a large pink banner with the text 'Family agreement' and an icon of three people. Below the banner, there is a sub-header 'Family agreement' and a 'Back to resources' button. The main text explains that a family agreement is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house. It mentions that the website provides a list of things to consider when creating a family agreement and some examples, and that a family agreement template provides a framework that will help families set clear expectations for positive and safe internet use. Below the text, there are two download links: 'Family agreement advice PDF Format (312.54 KB)' and 'Family agreement template PDF Format (281.69 KB)'. The page also includes a section for 'Online Safety Agreement' with a brief description and a list of settings where it can be used, including youth groups and clubs.

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Filtering software and settings can help block unwanted content.

Look at filters on individual devices and from mobile & internet providers



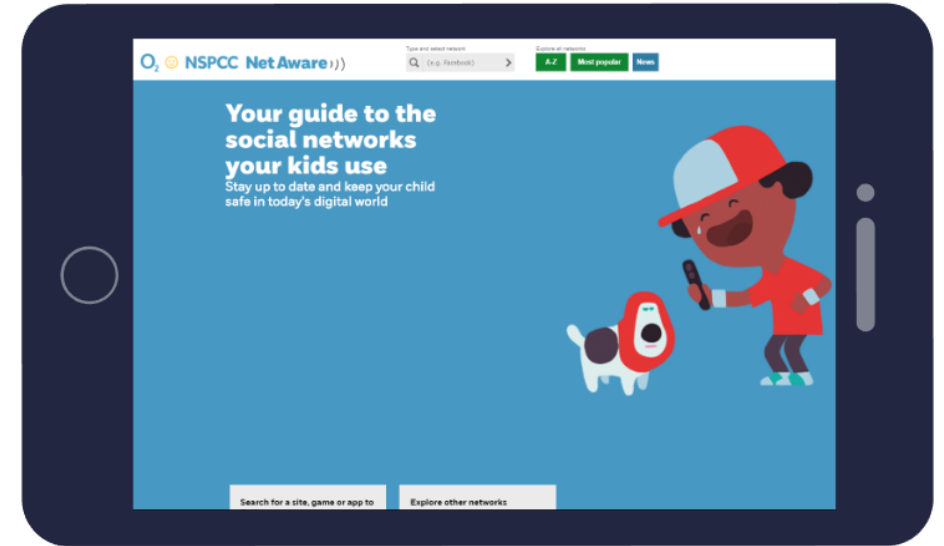
www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

Get involved with your child's life online. Learn about the apps, games and devices they use.

Play their favourite games with them, try out their favourite apps...



NetAware App



www.net-aware.org.uk

Telephone helplines...

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If you're worried about a child...

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

For online safety advice...

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Let's keep kids safe online

For mental health advice...

YOUNGMiNDS 0808 802 5544

For parenting and family support...

 **family
lives** 0808 800 2222

Scarning's Digital Literacy Curriculum



At Scarning Primary School, we follow the SWGfL Digital Literacy Curriculum to ensure our pupils develop skills progressively over the years that will keep them safe and responsible online.



Internet Safety



Privacy & Security



Relationships & Communication



Cyberbullying



Digital Footprint & Reputation



Self Image & Identity



Information Literacy



Creative Credit & Copyright