



# ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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## Skill-building app suggestions from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have curated a list of apps that will help your child to develop skills and new interests in different areas, for example Game Builder Garage (7+), which helps children to create their own games and Tayasui Sketches to develop art skills. You can find the full list here:

[www.internetmatters.org/resources/skill-building-apps-guide-for-kids](http://www.internetmatters.org/resources/skill-building-apps-guide-for-kids)



## Does your child watch livestreams?

There are some risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.

### How can I help my child?

- All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.



## Teaching children about money

Lloyds bank have published information and resources to help us help our children develop good financial habits. The information is split into age groups so you can find support tailored to your child's age. You can find out more here:

[www.lloydsbank.com/help-guidance/family-finance/teaching-children-about-money.html](http://www.lloydsbank.com/help-guidance/family-finance/teaching-children-about-money.html)

# Anti Bullying Week 2023

## Online Bullying

Anti Bullying week takes place Monday 13th - Friday 17th November this year, with online bullying becoming more prevalent and common due to the rise in social media and online gaming. Most experts agree that bullying and cyberbullying are forms of serious aggression, usually targeted and repeated.

Connect Safely have provided guidance for parents on cyberbullying which you can read [here](#).

## Digital 5-a-day



Children have been learning about their Digital 5-a-day in school this term. This consists of 5 strands: connect, be active, get creative, give to others and be mindful.

More information about this can be found [here](#).



## Roblox: new checklist

PEGI rate Roblox with a 'Parental Guidance' label (icon shown left) because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, it may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view or play. It is important to set up Parental controls appropriate to your child.**

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!



Childnet advice on livestreams: [www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/](http://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/)

The 2023 Roblox Checklist created by SWGfL and the UK Safer Internet Centre in partnership with Roblox is now available to download here:

[swgfl.org.uk/magazine/new-roblox-checklist-available/](http://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/new-roblox-checklist-available/)

Schools are required by law to ensure appropriate filtering and monitoring systems are in place on all devices which connect to the internet in school. More information about this can be found here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/teachers-and-school-staff/appropriate-filtering-and-monitoring>



## Useful links for more support:

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Information, Advice and Support to Keep Children Safe Online \(internetmatters.org\)](#)

[National Online Safety | Keeping Children Safe Online in Education](#)