

“ Statistics vary,
but at least 20 percent
of kids will receive
harassing, hateful, or
insulting messages. ”



Meet Susan...a 42 year old man
posing as a 15 year old girl online.

'Susan' and your 13 year old just
made plans to meet at the park...

'One in 12 have exchanged messages with
sexual content to other people, while one in
25 have sent graphic photos of themselves'.

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Good Parenting

- No screen time an hour before sleep
- No devices in the bedroom.
- Set up filters on home network (if on a mobile network there will be no filtering).
- Know your child's passwords/PIN and check their account regularly.
- Limit screen time to a daily amount.
- Model the behaviour you want. e.g. Phone ban at meal times!

KEY WEBSITES

www.nhs.uk
www.swgfl.org.uk
www.ceop.police.uk
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.barnardos.org.uk
www.nspcc.org.uk

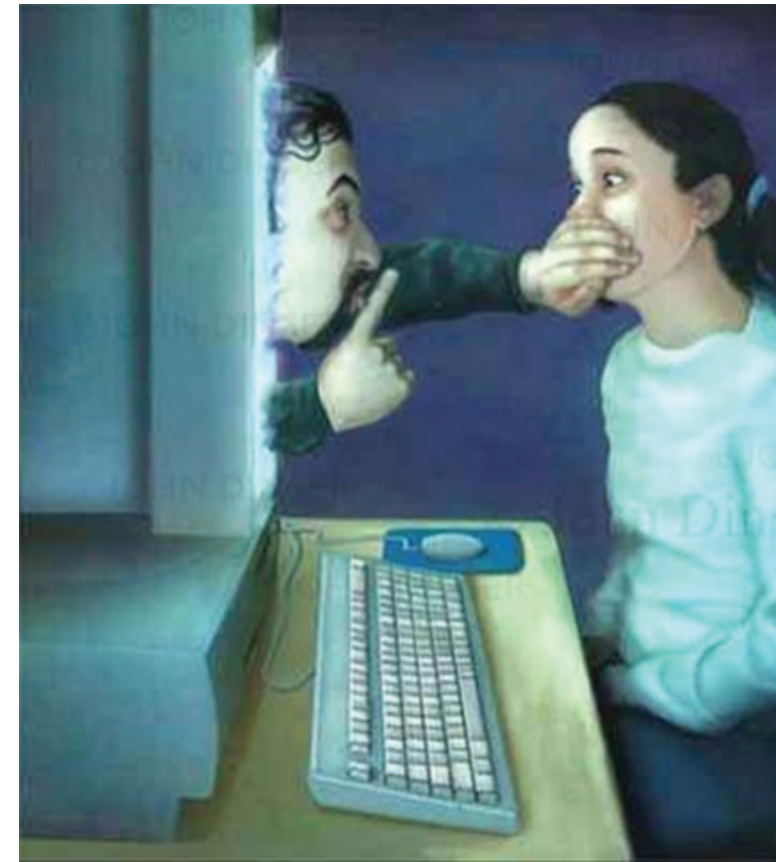
What to do if you have a concern:

- Talk to your child.
- Hit the report button.
- Talk to the Pastoral Team at your child's school.

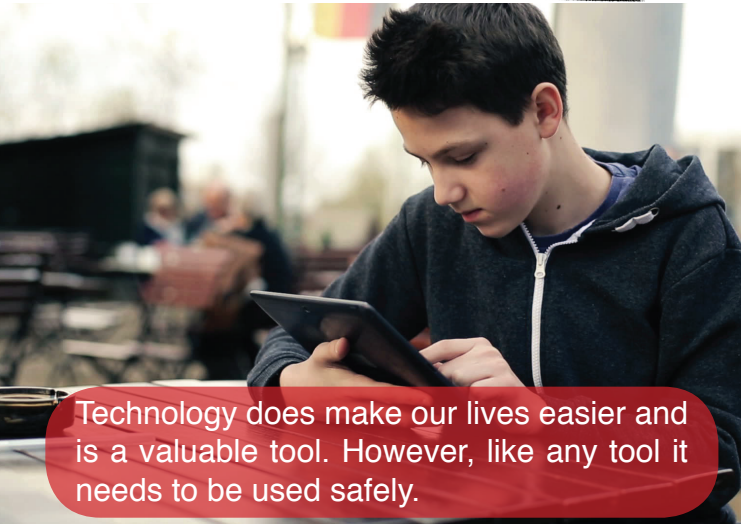
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of secondary heads

Is your
Child
Safe
online ?



Technology safety



Technology does make our lives easier and is a valuable tool. However, like any tool it needs to be used safely.

Screens and Health

Over 2 hours of screen time a day may raise a child's blood pressure. This can be a major factor in heart disease, obesity, diabetes and even shorten life expectancy.

www.nhs.uk

Children who spend more time on computers, watching TV and playing video games tend to experience higher levels of emotional distress, anxiety and depression.

www.gov.uk

Most teens need about 8.5 to more than 9 hours of sleep each night. Teens who use 2 -3 devices are more likely to sleep less than those using one.

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One in 20 children admitted arranging a secret meeting with someone they met online.

Issues in School

Sleep deprived children:

- Lack concentration and don't learn as well.
- Can be moody (which can lead to anxiety and depression) and therefore don't learn as well.
- Can become aggressive/poorly behaved and not learn as well.
- Online arguments spill into school and lead to friendship issues and/or bullying.

'Almost three in 10 parents (29%) let their kids use the internet without any restrictions or supervision.'

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'42.1% of kids admit they have seen online porn.'

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Attendance
Behaviour
Concentration
Bullying
(inc sexting)
Grooming

Age limits

Did you know the following apps have age limits?



Facebook/Messenger

protect
13+
your child



Instagram

protect
13+
your child



Snapchat

protect
13+
your child

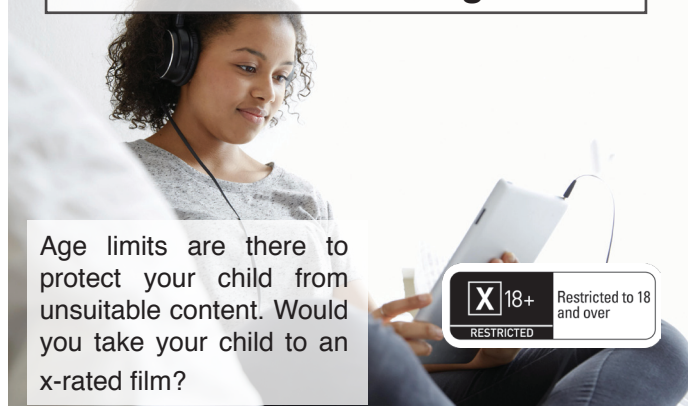


WhatsApp

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protect
16+
your child

If a child has one of these accounts underage they've already learnt to lie about their age.



Age limits are there to protect your child from unsuitable content. Would you take your child to an x-rated film?



CALL OF DUTY

Many 12 year olds are playing 18 rated games such as Call of Duty. Studies are already showing the effects of such games on children's behaviour e.g aggression and sexualised behaviours.