



# Online Safety

## Keeping your child safe online...

We take the safety of our pupils online very seriously. Here is some information that will help raise your awareness of the evolving technological world our children live in. The internet has revolutionised the way we live, work and interact. With all the positive impacts the internet has, there are also several concerns it raises.

Below are a list of links that will provide you with the vital information you need to support your child's interaction with the online world. Find out about the dangers of location services, public profiles, talking to people you have never met, WhatsApp groups and much more.

The message from us is simple...

**Be aware, be careful, and stay safe.**

**If you're unsure, report it.**

**If you're worried, report it**

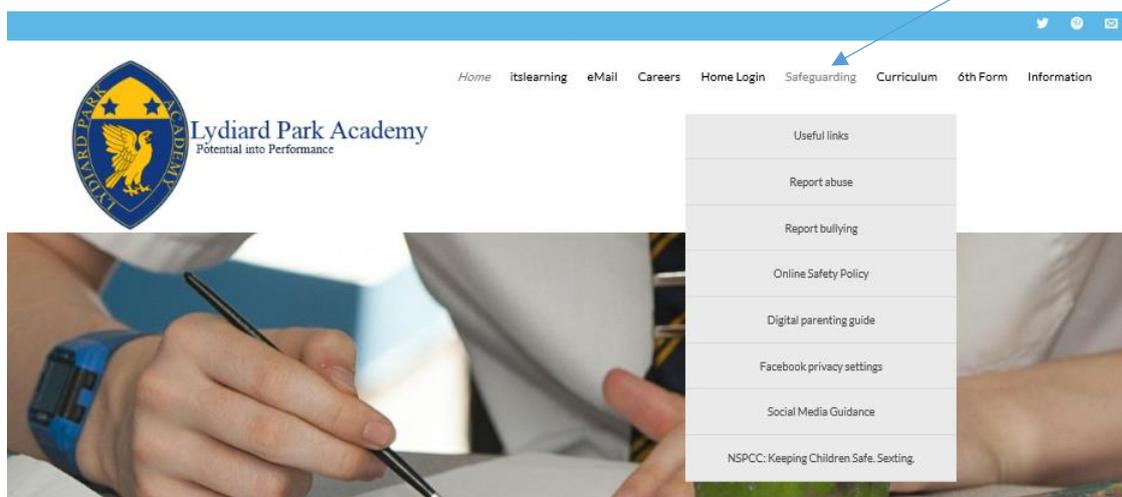
**In this fast moving online world are you up to date with what and who your children are interacting with?**

**Report it - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>**

A good starting point is the safeguarding tab on our website:

<https://www.lydiardparkacademy.org.uk/>

Click there



**'Online contact and staying safe' - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>. This article includes information on sexualised chat and images, why might your child engage with sexual chat and how to help protect your child**

## **Gaming:**

- **Gaming: What's appropriate for your child?** (PEGI rating) - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child>
- **Gaming: What parents and carers need to know** (focusing more on risks and functions within games e.g. chatting) - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming>

## **Live streaming**

Articles on the TUK parents website:

**What is live streaming?** <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

**Live streaming: responding to the risks** - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/live-streaming-responding-to-the-risks/>

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## **Social Media Use:**

Visit Internet Matters who have a number of guides on the most popular platforms

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/social-media-guides-parents/#1502118189317-7ed802b8-0bfa>

- Instagram
- Facebook
- Snapchat
- Whatsapp
- ooVoo
- Wishbone
- Musical.ly,
- Youtube
- Yubo
- Periscope
- Live.ly
- Liveme
- YouNow
- Steam
- Xbox live

- Nintendo Network
- Playstation Network
- Twitch.tv
- Roblox
- Minecraft

Net Aware – [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) – this information is more basic than at internet matters but they have more apps listed:

- Clash of Clans
- Clash Royale
- CSR Racing
- Discord
- Disney Club Penguin Island
- Dubsmash
- Episode: Choose your story
- Facebook
- Facetime
- Fifa Football
- Friv
- Google Hangouts
- Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas
- Instagram
- Kik
- Minecraft
- Miniclip
- MovieStarPlanet
- Omegle
- Pinterest
- Pokemon Go
- PopJam
- Reddit
- Roblox
- Sarahah
- Score! Hero
- Skype
- Snapchat
- SoundCloud
- Steam
- Tumblr
- Twitch
- Twitter
- Viber
- Wattpad
- Whatsapp
- Youtube
- Yubo

**Remember** - anything your child posts or sends online will stay there forever. It can harm their chances of future employment or promotion. There have been several high profile cases of people in the past who have seriously damaged their reputation and future due to things they posted years ago. Please encourage your child to think twice before posting anything. There is a fine line between success and failure when the Internet is involved.

## **Cyberbullying**

People find it easy to hide behind a keyword and make inappropriate and often offensive comment to peers. Sometimes they do not stop there and 'troll' people they have never met before. What they perhaps think is a bit of fun, can lead to serious consequences for the recipient of the unwanted comments.

At Lydiard Park Academy we take any form of bullying seriously. Online bullying is treated in exactly the same way as physical or verbal bullying. Our advice to any of our pupils that have received abuse, threats or unpleasant comments online is as follows:

- Make your profile private
- Do not accept people who you do not know as a 'friend'
- Turn off location services
- Do not respond to unwanted comments or abuse
- Screenshot it
- Report it – <https://www.lydiardparkacademy.org.uk/report-bullying/>

There are age limits on social media platforms for a reason. Make sure your child is aware of the dangers on the Internet.