



# Woodlands Primary School Online Safety Newsletter Term 2

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Welcome to our  
next Online Safety  
Newsletter!

## What's Happening in the World of Online Safety?

We hope you all had a wonderful half term!

In this newsletter we highlight the importance of being fully aware of what your child is accessing, doing and saying online; as well as ensuring the lines of communication are open between everybody. We hope to provide you with some useful links to help you and your children stay safe online.



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## Setting Up Parental Controls

The 4 big internet providers in the UK - BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media - provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time. They have come together to produce helpful video guides to help you to download and set-up the controls offered by your provider. They can be found [here](#).

No filter or parental controls tool is 100% effective, and many of the risks that young people face online are because of their own and other's behaviour. It is therefore important to talk to your children about staying safe online and make sure they know that they can turn to you if they get into any difficulty.

### Console Controls

In addition to content filtering offered by your ISP, many devices such as games consoles, smartphones and tablets have their own parental controls, for example to limit spending or restrict access to apps based on age rating. Likewise, many web browsers have built-in tools and features to help you control the kinds of content users can view. You can find out more about this [here](#).

### Safety Out and About

If children are taking their devices out of the home, it's worth bearing in mind that they could connect to public Wi-Fi, for example, in a shop, cafe or restaurant. Look out for the [Friendly WiFi](#) symbol which shows that the wifi has filters in place to limit access to pornographic content.

Please note many of the links are hyperlinked and this newsletter can be found on our school website:  
[www.woodlands.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands.wilts.sch.uk)  
under the  
Parents Tab—ESafety

## Screen Shotting

Screenshotting is when someone takes a copy of their screen and stores it as a picture. This means that messages and images which are thought to have been sent privately can be recorded and shared without the sender knowing. It's important to make your child aware of the risks of screenshotting. Anything on a screen can be screenshotted.

This includes apps like Snapchat which allow you to send a photo, video or message that 'disappears' after a certain amount of time.

There are different ways to screenshot depending on the make of your phone or tablet. For example:

- ♦ **iPhone:** hold down the lock button and home button at the same time. The screen will flash as if you have taken a picture and the screen-shot will be stored in your picture library. Apple's recent upgrade also allows you to record anything on your phone by pressing the 'record' button on the control page on some phones.
- ♦ **Samsung:** hold down the power button and the home button. The image will be stored in your picture library

### Are there risks?

What are the risks? Screenshotting means that images and messages can be stored and shared with others, without the sender knowing about it. This can play a role in bullying where pictures, messages and videos can be used against the sender. We also know that screenshotting is sometimes used in sexting incidents, where a young person has shared a sexual image with someone else. That person can then screenshot the image, and share it on.

It's important for young people to be aware that taking, storing and sharing sexual images of someone under 18 is illegal, even if the image is of themselves. You can read more about sexting [here](#).

### Can screenshotting be helpful?

Whilst there are risks, screenshotting can be helpful. For example, it can be used to record evidence of online abuse or bullying to show teachers or parents. It is important to encourage children to keep evidence of anything that makes them uncomfortable and to keep it as evidence.

However, screenshots should not be used to record evidence of sexting, as taking a screenshot means you are creating a sexual image of a child, which is illegal.

## Digital Parenting Magazine

Digital Parenting Magazine is the online safety guide for families and is a partnership between Parent Zone and Vodafone, and is distributed to families through schools and other youth and family organisations.

We sent out copies last term but should you need another there are spares in the leaflet area of reception.

It is an excellent publication to read alongside your child as it can lead to interesting and sometimes revealing conversations about their habits online.

