



# Online Safety Newsletter April 2023

## Sendit

Sendit is an add on app to Snapchat and it allows users to play games together. **Sendit state on their website that the app is not intended for children under the age of 13.**

The games include Q&A games including ask me anything. A user asks a question and players can respond **anonymously**. As with any anonymous element, there is an increased risk of cyberbullying.

The app does contain in-app purchases ranging from £0.99 to £29.99. There is also a weekly subscription service available, which provides users with enhanced features. It costs £8.49 per week. Ensure payment details are not stored/accessible on your child's device to avoid unexpected bills.

If you know that your child is using this app then you can contact Sendit to ask them to disable their account.

**Further information**  
<https://www.getsendit.com/parents>

## Anime TV

Anime refers to animations originating from Japan. Due to its cartoon style, your child might inadvertently watch it when it isn't appropriate for their age. Some Anime contains adult themes. It is important to check age ratings so a starting point could be Common Sense Media. They have created a list of some Anime TV with reviews/age ratings:  
<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/anime-tv-for-teens-and-tweens>

## Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would

if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:



- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

**The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps e.g. WhatsApp.**

## Top Internet Manners



Internet Matters have produced a list of 'manners' that we all should follow to create a safer and kinder online world:  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/top-internet-manners/>

## What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.

## Further information

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with/how-do-i-know-if-im-being-mean-online>