

Some useful sites for parents (updated August 2016)

1 Safe searching

www.safesearchkids.com/google

Safe Search Kids is a custom search engine using Google's SafeSearch features with additional filtering to block more potentially harmful material than if you simply used Google. The search filtering tool provides a way for kids at home and in [schools](#) to research the internet more safely thanks to strict filtered results on any and every computer.

You can bookmark the following **SaferSearch** tools to access their resources

[Safe Search Kids](#) – filters the entire web.

[Safe Image Search](#) – filters images.

[Safe Search APP](#) – for phones.

They also provide additional tools, including [Safe Game Search](#) and [Safe YouTube Videos](#) and how to lock the filter.

Other sites

www.getsafeonline.org

www.searchypants.com

2. Sites for parents with advice about all internet enabled devices and how to set parental controls on all devices including games machines and smart phones

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.childnet.com

www.vodafone.com

www.mumsnet.com/internet-safety/share-aware-online-safety

NB check with your service provider as many do have their own family safety packages.

Linking family devices is also a good way to have parental controls

NB All internet enabled devices have parental controls

3. Some sites with information advice and activities for families, children and young people

www.digizen.org

www.chatdanger.com

www.kidscape.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

4. Sexting and online grooming

NSPCC Share aware

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware>

This is a brilliant new campaign by the NSPCC for parents with children between 8-12. It has some interesting videos to watch and ways to encourage children to be careful about what they share online.

Thinkuknow-Nude selfies

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/Teachers/Nude-Selfies/

CEOP have produced a series of short films for parents concerned about young people taking and sharing revealing photos and videos.

There are four videos *Nude Selfies: What Parents and Carers Need to Know*.

Film 1 helps you understand the reasons why young people create and share nude or nearly nude images

Film 2 helps you learn about effective strategies for talking to your child about nude or nearly nude images.

Film 3 helps you understand how to respond if your child discloses that they have shared nude or nearly nude images by risk assessing the different contexts in which images may be shared.

Film 4 helps you learn about how to get help and support if your child shares nude or nearly nude images.

5. How to report -advice for adults and young people.

Most services have rules about what kind of content is allowed on the site. Often if something is harassing an individual, pornographic or violent it breaks the rules. You can report this kind of content using the reporting tools on the sites.

You can also report to the police and other bodies that regulate content on the internet:

- If you are suspicious about someone's behavior towards a child report to CEOP www.ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report
- If you see any criminal content you should report to the Internet Watch Foundation www.iwf.org.uk/report
- If you see any content that incites hatred you should report to True Vision www.report-it.org.uk/your_police_force
- If you want to make a complaint about an advert, television or radio programme, film, newspaper, magazine, video game or other type of content that you think is unsuitable for children to see or hear, you can report it through ParentPort www.parentport.org.uk/
- If you'd like free advice and tips for staying in control of your mobile phone costs, visit the PhoneBrain website www.phonebrain.org.uk, a campaign aimed at young people run by the premium rate phone services regulator PhonepayPlus.
- If you have been 'scammed, ripped off or conned' you can report to Action Fraud www.actionfraud.police.uk , or on 0300 1232040. This service is run by the National Fraud Authority, the UK's government agency that helps coordinate the fight against fraud.

6. Some sites for adoptive and foster families

www.saferinternet.org.uk/fostering-adoption

www.childnet.com

<https://parentzone.org.uk/training/training-foster-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Children-in-care-Online-safety-placement-plan>