

For more information please visit the link on our school website: https://files.schudio.com/saint-michaels/files/documents/2020/Dec/Roblox_-_National_Online_Safety_Guide.pdf

Help and support

If you are worried about a serious online safety criminal incident or need to report concerns you can ring 101 or make a report online by visiting - [Home - Lancashire Constabulary - Report Online](#). You can also report anonymously to Crimestoppers via 0800 555 111 or online at [Independent UK charity taking crime information anonymously | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#).

Local support in Lancashire is available through Nest Lancashire who support young people aged 8 to 18 who have been affected by crime or subjected to threats or harassment. Young people can talk to Nest in confidence by texting NEST and their number to 60777 or by calling 0300 111 0323. To find out more about the support Nest can offer visit [Nest Lancashire | Supporting young victims](#).



You can also find information and support about online safety on our school website. St Michael's uses the online school Sharp System, whereby you can report any concerns or incidences online: <https://www.saint-michaels.com/pastoral-care/the-sharp-system>. To help you access helpful information and support, our school website has information on safeguarding, online safety, mental health and wellbeing. Additionally, our website includes a link to CEOP – Child protection and online protection - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Our motto is 'Therefore choose [life]' from Deuteronomy.



Therefore, choose

We understand this to mean growing in **body, mind and spirit**, so that all who learn and work here may flourish, experiencing the joy and hope of 'Life in all its fullness'.

This is further explained in our Mission Statement,

'As a vibrant learning community we choose to serve God, pursue excellence and celebrate the uniqueness of each individual.'

We all have a right to be treated with dignity and respect.

We ask that anyone who visits or communicates with our school also displays dignity and respect.

Saint Michael's C E High School

A Church of England Academy



Online Safety Information

An information leaflet for parents and carers for the protection of children when online

Growing in body, mind and spirit

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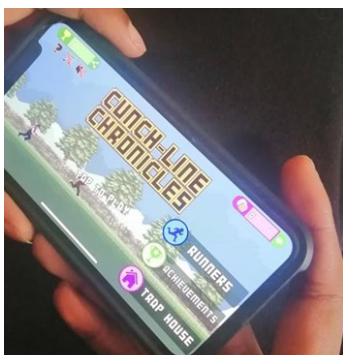
During these unprecedented times we know our pupils will be using a wide range of technologies to complete home learning if needing to isolate and to keep in touch with friends, which is essential for healthy mental wellbeing. Whilst we encourage the use of technology to benefit our pupils, we also understand there are risks associated with being online. We want to work to support Parents/Carers and pupils to minimise these risks and provide helpful support and information for how to stay safe online.

A message from Lancashire police:

Exploitation alert Cunch Line Chronicles app

The Cunch Line Chronicles app is advertised as *'a light-hearted, satirical take on the darker side of urban UK culture'*.

In reality, this app is an exploitation risk for



young and vulnerable people as it appears to have an in-app chat facility which could enable grooming and recruitment to real life County Lines gangs.

The National Crime Agency, National **Policing**

Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme and the National County Lines Co-ordination Centre are aware of this app. The agencies are investigating the action that can be taken to protect young and vulnerable people from the risk of being exploited via this app.

More information about this can be found at - <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/help-advice/safer-communities/county-lines/>

Other apps to be aware of:

Omegle

Omegle is a free online chat site that lets you speak to other users without registering. You can choose to talk via text chat or video call. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat sessions where they chat anonymously using the names "You" and "Stranger" meaning you have no control over who you can talk to. Young people are sharing personal information and could enable grooming and online predators.



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Among Us

Among Us is a teamwork game where users join a game, which auto-fills with people on the internet from around the world. Alternatively, you can co-ordinate to play with friends and fill your own 'local' game which requires a password to join. The game begins when all spaces are filled and the app randomly selects a number of "imposters" and allocates the rest of the players as "crewmates". Games can have one, two or three imposters and everyone is aware of how many there are from the beginning. This game has a lot of violence, has an unmonitored chat function and also in-app purchases.



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Roblox

Roblox is a gaming platform where multiple players interact and play together online. The site has a collection of games aimed at 8-18 year olds, however players of all ages can use the site. All games are multiplayer and include a written chat feature, which is visible to players within each individual game. Users can also make and receive friend requests during gameplay and this means that they can chat to each other outside of the game. Roblox is currently available on PC, phone, tablet and Xbox One. Every game on Roblox is created by users, and the content is not always suitable for children e.g. some feature weapons and blood. Users are regularly encouraged to spend money on the app by buying Robux (in game currency) and children might accidentally run up costs.

