

Are you getting your children new tech this Christmas?



Whether it's watching videos, playing games on their devices or talking to Alexa – our children and young people are spending more time on devices and online.

Whilst the online space can be fun and educational it can also pose risks to young and impressionable people.

Ahead of Christmas when many may be buying their children new phones, devices, consoles and games it is important to protect them from online harm.

To help develop awareness around online safety aspects we have pulled together some useful links to help you on key topics:

- [Gaming](#)
- [Parental Controls](#)
- [Social Media](#)
- [Online Grooming](#)
- [Screen time and a healthy balance](#)
- [Digital Wellbeing](#)
- [Sexting](#)
- [Online Pornography](#)
- [Live Streaming](#)
- [Keeping under 5s safe online](#)
- [Premium rate and in-app purchases](#)

- [Downloading](#)
- [Video Chat and Webcams](#)
- [Apps](#)
- [Location Services](#)
- [Cyber bullying](#)
- [Expiring Content](#)
- [Supporting young people with SEND online](#)

Make your kids more aware of online safety with a journey through "Interland" from [Google's brilliant 'Be Internet Awesome'](#)

A great way to start positive family conversations around safe and responsible internet use and to agree clear expectations and boundaries is covered in this [Family Agreement](#) and getting the whole family to be involved and put in somewhere easy to view like the fridge.

Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Safeguarding Children's Partnership are also on hand for advice and support. To find out more information visit www.hsscp.co.uk or call **01429 284284 / 01642 130080**.