# Online Safety at St Joseph's

As a school, we feel it is extremely important that children, parents and staff are aware of the dangers that young people can face online. Online safety is taught in class once per half term. We strive to promote a culture of responsibility in children, encouraging them to use technology safely and report anything which they think may be inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable to an adult at home or in school.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mr Bowring, our online safety co-ordinator, should you have any concerns about your child's online activity or a wider online safety issue. Alternatively, you can report a concern about the way someone has been communicating online through the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP) here: https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/

Apps which we feel parents should be aware of are:

| Youtube (inappropriate content/screen addiction) | Tiktok (inappropriate content) |
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| Messaging apps such as Whatsapp and Discord and social media (online bullying/speaking to strangers) | Games such as - Roblox, fortnite (online bullying/speaking to strangers) |

This is not a definitive list and we are continually monitoring online issues to ensure that we are aware of any new app or game which may put children at risk. We have also invested in an online safety app/platform for our parents which is detailed on the next slide.

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We have become a member of 'National Online Safety', a platform which offers regularly updated advice and guidance for parents and teachers on online safety issues facing children. We would strongly encourage you to take advantage of this by creating your own account.

To create your account, please follow https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-joseph-s-catholic-primaryschool-wr4-9pg and complete your details. Alternatively, you can download the app and find our school using the postcode: WR4 9PG. When you're set up, set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type. You can access National Online Safety online via any device, including smartphone app, by searching for 'national online safety' either on the Appstore or Google Play store

This resource can be used by you as a parent to keep abreast of any issues or concerns you have regarding online safety. The content is split into two main categories – 'explainer videos' and 'guides'.

A video explaining how to use this resource can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMHBa2exVKA

You may want to have a look at the following guides/explainer videos if you are unsure where to start:

**What parents need to know about YouTube**  **What parents need to know about YouTube Kids**
**What parents need to know about children's devices**  **An introduction to online gaming**
**An introduction to online bullying**  **Screen Addiction**