

JUNE 2026 ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

For this month's online safety update, our theme is: Holiday snaps

You may be struggling to find the link between online safety and holiday snaps but it's worth considering the risks when we take pictures of ourselves and our families when we're on holiday. Of course, taking photos is not an issue, and it's lovely to have cherished memories to look back on. However, it's important to consider the following:

- Many insurance companies will refuse to pay out if a home is burgled when the people living there have 'advertised' online that they are away.
- Meta, the owners of Facebook, Instagram and Whatsapp own the right to your photos if you post them on one of their platforms. This means they can use them, or sell the photos without needing to ask your consent.
- We can accidentally share things about our child that they haven't consented to sharing including the support they might need to engage in certain activities or how they eat.
- We might feel horrified at the thought of sharing images of our children online of them in their underwear but if we don't keep our photos and/or profiles private, anyone around the world could potentially see our child in their swimming costume, having had a water fight or dancing, for instance.
- We need to understand that sadly, there are online trends where people will create cruel memes and gifs of people with disabilities and limb differences for example.

Young people with additional needs can be more vulnerable to certain online risks and therefore it's vital to model safe online habits, as they watch and learn from us.

Remember, the pastoral team are here to support you with any online safety concerns: call 0121 569 7089.

