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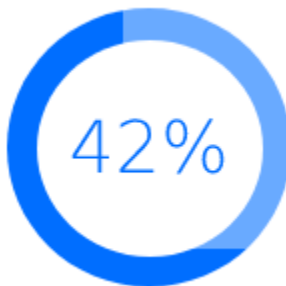
## Online Safety: Why it matters: Facts & Stats

### Talking Digital



of parents have spoken to their child regarding **online safety** in the last month

### Tablet ownership on the rise



of this age group now **have one of their own**, up from 35% from 2017

### YouTube viewing platform of choice



of children in this age group say they **prefer to watch YouTube content** rather than TV programmes on a TV set

## **Frequently Answered Questions to help you to support your child to stay safe online.**

### **How can I agree boundaries?**

Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

### **How can I find out what my child is doing online?**

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about what they do and what sites they like to visit. If they're happy to, ask them to show you. Talk to them about being a good friend online. Encourage older siblings to be responsible and help keep their younger siblings safe.

### **How can I set parental controls?**

Install [parental controls](#) on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.

### **How can I stop my child from making unapproved purchases online?**

Use airplane mode on your devices when your child is using them so they can't make any unapproved purchases or interact with anyone online without your knowledge.

### **How can I tell if it's suitable for my child?**

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. For example, the minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram. Although sites aimed at under-10s like [Moshi Monsters](#) and [Kudos](#) also have social networking elements.

### **Which search engines are safe for my child to use?**

Use safe search engines such as [Swiggle](#) or [Kids-search](#). You can save time by adding these to your 'Favourites'. Safe search settings can also be activated on [Google](#) and other search engines, as well as [YouTube](#).

### **How can I stay involved with my child's online activity?**

Encourage them to use their tech devices in a communal area like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they're using the internet and also share in their enjoyment.

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