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Dear Parents and Carers,

Keeping Safe Online

The last year has been anything but normal and it's been a challenging time for lots of families. Over the next few weeks we are all going to be spending more time at home and on the internet. The NSPCC have developed a Lockdown Hub to help you find the latest advice on popular apps and tips to help keep children and teenagers safe online during lockdown and beyond - [Online safety in lockdown \(net-aware.org.uk\)](https://www.net-aware.org.uk)

The New Year is also a great time for your family to create some new rules around staying safe online – especially if your child got a new device over the festive period. There are lots of benefits to spending time online but it's important to set boundaries about what they can do and how much screen time is appropriate every day. Arrange a time to sit down together soon and agree some rules using the NSPCC's Family Agreement template - [Online safety resources](#).

This month the NSPCC have also updated their TikTok review ([TikTok: A guide for parents](#)) to include information on the latest features added to Family Safety Mode, and published new advice on how to use parental controls on gaming devices - [Parental controls advice](#). Please remember that Tik Tok is advised for children 13+.

It is a good idea to check online safety websites on a regular basis as the organisations who run them are adding new information and updates all the time. Online predators are aware that young people are spending more time online during lockdown and they know how the apps and websites work.

Stay safe both out and about and online.

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