

# A Parent's Guide to Online Safety

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## Welcome

#### Aims of the session;

- Parenting in the digital age
- Begin to explore popular apps used by children and how to check their content and appropriateness
- Understand the importance of privacy settings and parental controls and how to use them
  Creating a family agreement for safer internet use

• What would you like to know?

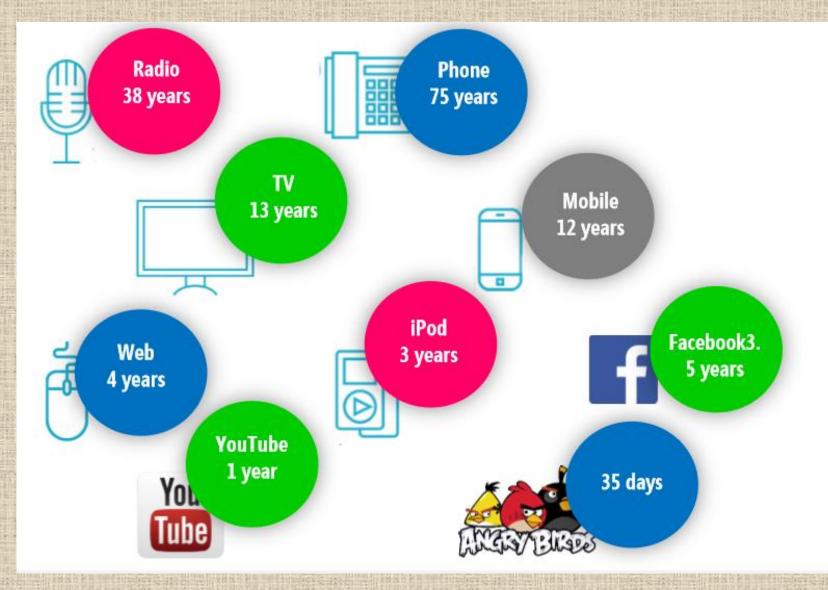
## Parenting in the Digital Age

#### "But my kids know more about the internet than I do..."





#### Penetration rate: Years to reach c.50m users









#### There are lots of positives...



Online games can enhance teamwork and creativity

Add to the child's store of knowledge

Households with computers perform better academically

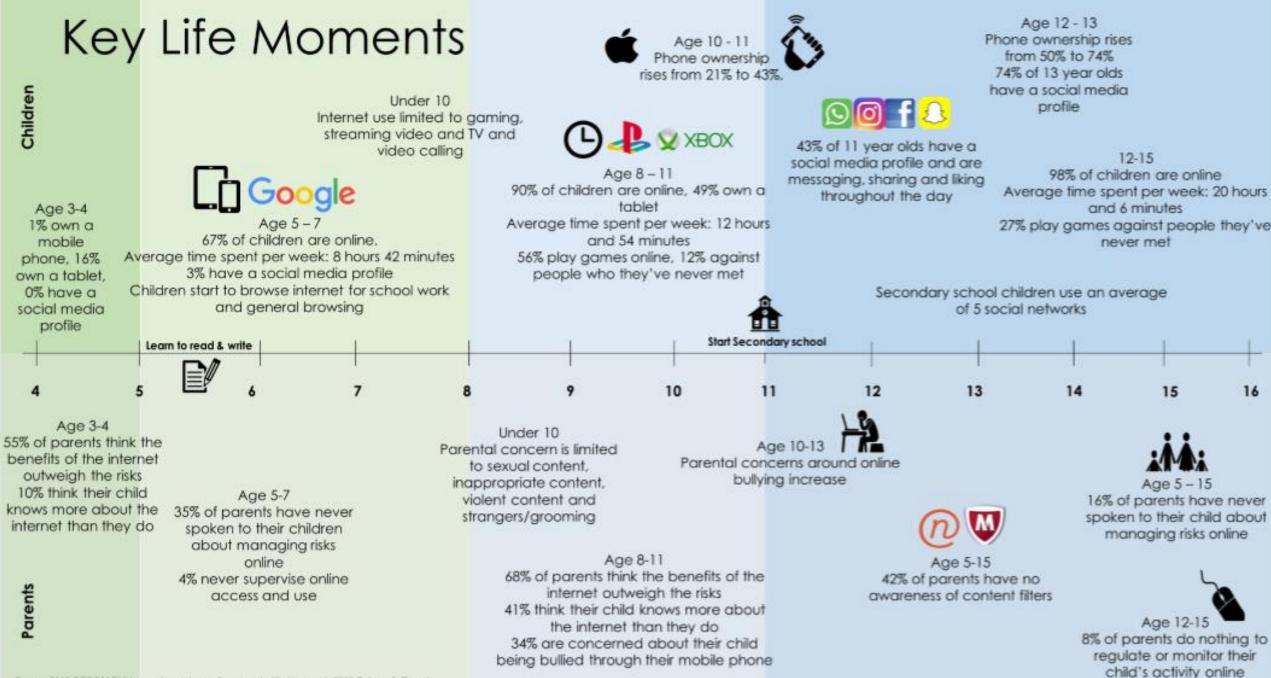
Improve both visual intelligence and hand-eye coordination

Research shows the outcomes for children are better if they benefit from connected technology internet matters.org

### But technology can affect children's development...

- Sleep cycles are affected by blue light from screens
- Screen-based entertainment increases central nervous system arousal
- Millennials are more forgetful than OAP's
- One study found that the more distracted you are the less able you are to experience empathy





Source: 2016 OFCDM Children and parents: media use and attitudes report, 2013 Cybersafe Report.

### And there are of course risks...

	<u>Content</u> (child as receiver of mass productions)	<u>Contact</u> (child as participant in adult led activity)	<u>Conduct</u> (Child participation, perpetrator or victim)
Aggressive	Violent	Harassment	Cyberbullying
Sexual	Pornographic	Grooming, sexual abuse	Sexual harassment, 'sexting'
Values	Racist/hateful	Ideological persuasion	Harmful user generated content
Commercial	Marketing	Personal data misuse	Gambling, copyright infringement

### Dealing with inappropriate CONTENT



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#### What to talk about

- They can come to you if they see anything that upsets them
- If they have seen pornography...that it presents an unrealistic image of sex and relationships
- The importance of respect for each other and the meaning of consent

#### Top tips/tools to use

- Parental controls on home broadband
- Content lock on mobile networks
- Safe search on Google (and other browsers) and YouTube; childfriendly search engines

### Dealing with inappropriate CONTACT

**48%** 

of secondary school children have talked to strangers on social media 48%

of 11 year olds have a social media profile

### Dealing with inappropriate CONTACT

#### What to talk about

- Sometimes people hide behind fake profiles for dishonest reasons
- Agree how they will respond to requests from people they don't know in real life
- Never ever meet up with anyone they don't know in real life

#### Top tips/tools to use

- Set up safe social media profiles that don't share personal information
- Turn off geo location settings on devices
- Use the strongest privacy settings on social media
- · Learn how to report/block/mute

### Dealing with inappropriate CONDUCT



of children will experience cyberbullying

## 50%

of children say someone has been nasty online

### Dealing with inappropriate CONDUCT

#### What to talk about

- Talk to a trusted adult if they experience anything upsetting online
- Think carefully about sharing images of others
- Be responsible online, remembering they are creating their own digital footprint

#### Top tips/tools to use

- Report inappropriate posts/content to the social media providers
- Think carefully about using monitoring apps that identify inappropriate behaviour

#### Dealing with 'SEXTING'

15-40% of young people are involved in sexting

Threat comes mostly from **peers** and is often coercive

#### What to talk about

It's hard to control where these images might be shared
It's illegal to create or share a sexual image of a child under 18

#### Top tips/tools to use

- The t-shirt test if you wouldn't wear the picture on a t-shirt, don't share it online!
- If your child is involved in sexting contact CEOP and/or Childline who can help remove images

#### What are children taught in school?

Use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies

KS1

KS2

KS3

KS4

Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact

Understand a range of ways to use technology safely, respectfully, responsibly and securely, including protecting their online identity and privacy; recognise inappropriate content, contact and conduct, and know how to report concerns

Understand how changes in technology affect safety, including new ways to protect their online privacy and identity, and how to report a range of concerns

## How well do you know your apps?



Click to watch How many of the apps on the sheet can you name?
How many are installed on a device your child uses/has access to?
Do you understand what the app does?

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## Online Gaming



- Multi-player games
- Chat functions instant messenger, voice over
- Risk from inappropriate content & contact

## Risk factors;

- Offenders can build relationships over online games
- Offenders use gifts in gaming to encourage children to trust them
- Moving from gaming to private platforms

## What's your child doing online?



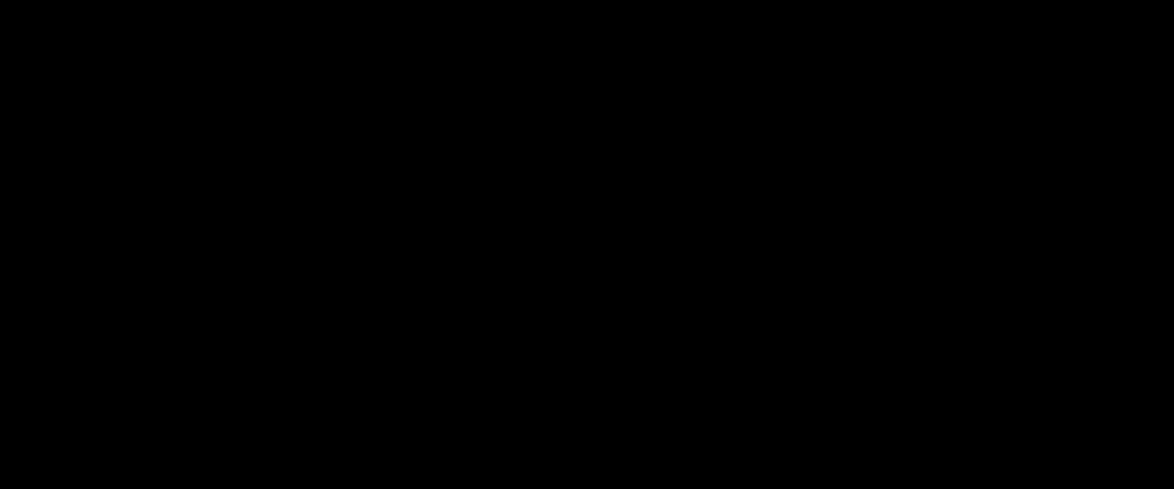








## Privacy settings - Why?



## Parental Controls

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## Screen time - Family Rules/Agreement



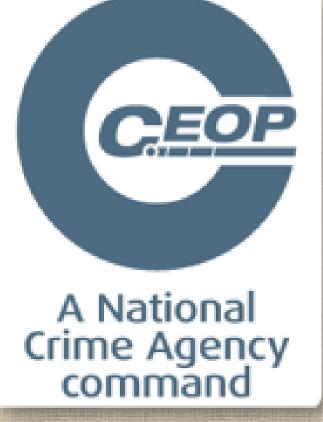
## Thinking ahead...the teenage years



#### The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre



The UK's National Centre for Protecting Children



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