

TCMS Safe to Learn

Welcome to our newsletter Safeguarding bulletin. We are heading for the holidays, so it quite loaded with ESAFETY items - because they are hugely important.

Here are some things to be thinking about over the holidays:

- Young people & Social Networking sites

There is a great leaflet for parents to look at/download - lots of info on digital footprints (the details that can be seen by everyone!) and privacy settings: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/young-people-and-social-networking-services>

- Supporting young people online: potential risks, tips and some useful conversation starters: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online>

- Recommended age ranges: these are provided for all social media, online games, APP, X-Box etc. They are there to protect children, not hinder them. All games come with a PEGI rating giving an appropriate age rating - this is based on the content of the game and how appropriate that is for children of different ages. Please respect these recommendations. Our Local Authority (Northumberland County Council) are starting to issue guidance for **ALL** schools for when they receive reports of children playing age-inappropriate games or making use of age inappropriate sites/APPs.

Futures Cloud

Lastly, when in school your children are protected by County-run monitoring software called Futures Cloud. This will record any inappropriate content or usage and flag this up to Leadership. It will monitor a list of key words as well as image recognition to help everyone to stay safe. Please remind pupils that if they access their school account **in or out of school**, this software is always live.

Have a very happy and safe holiday.