

Safeguarding- A regular safeguarding update will be provided with this newsletter to ensure that you have access to current useful information and guidance.

Sharing safely on social media

Social networking is hugely popular. Many young people are sophisticated in the way they use social media apps and websites, tailoring their communication for different audiences, and accessing them from a range of devices including smartphones, tablets, and games consoles. But social media, like all forms of public communication, comes with some risks. Not all of these risks turn into actual problems; and if children never face any risks, they never learn how to deal with them. By helping your child understand what the risks are, you can play a big part in preventing them from turning into problems.

Some apps may share your child's location even if they aren't being used...

Make sure geo-location is disabled to keep their whereabouts private.

To help your child understand how this will help keep them safe, you can:

- *Explain why it's important that they never share personal information with people they don't know online.*
- *Remind your child to come and talk to you if someone or something online is making them feel uncomfortable.*
- *Be clear that your child should never ever meet someone face to face without your consent or you present, and that the young gorgeous person they've been chatting to could easily be someone with bad intentions.*

There are a selection of articles from parents and online safety experts to give you further tips on how to help your child stay safe on social media at the following webpage:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/social-media/#location-sharing-apps>