Checklist for Online Safety at Home

For Parents of Primary School Children

Here is a helpful list of things to address to maximise the online protection of your child. Reviewing this every 3-4 months as a minimum is highly recommended.

Things to raise	Add date here	Add date here	Add date here
Take control of your child's devices. This means you have knowledge of all login and password and have made use of 'family sharing' controls where possible.			
Start the conversations with your child(ren) right away about their online experiences - use these Conversation Starters to open an ongoing dialogue.			
Ensure you are aware of what devices your child has access to			
Have you set any family rules regarding device use and screen time? See Family Agreement document to start one for your household.			
Can you name the apps and games your child is using? Ask for a list of them when you chat.			
Once you have a list of the apps and games, investigate the privacy settings available for each and work through them. Tech companies should make this process clear in their privacy settings section.			
Show an interest, ask about their favourite YouTubers (see Rate My YouTuber).			
Look out for any unusual behaviour, withdrawal from family and friends, long periods alone etc. Keep asking questions and make it clear you will not be cross if something has gone wrong.			
Find out more about the online safety policy and activity at your child's school.			
Give clear expectations around the use of the camera function, sharing images/videos. Explain that if anyone is asking for images, to check with you first.			
Have a chat with your broadband provider to understand more about their family settings to ensure you have maximum protection in place.			

