

# ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER.



## DEVELOPING ONLINE SAFETY SKILLS TOGETHER

Here, you'll find lots of simple ways to reinforce the important online safety lessons your child has been learning in school, through Google's **Be Internet Legends programme**. Created in partnership with Parent Zone, the programme is empowering families to make the most of the internet by helping them become confident digital citizens.

Here are some games, recommended by **8 online safety games for kids | GoHenry**, that can be played together to develop and enhance online safety awareness:

**Cloud Quest** – A fun, interactive adventure website with videos and activities teaching your kids about online safety. Cloud Quest has cartoons that teach online safety skills to a wider age range. Cloud Quest is designed for kids under the age of 10.

**Safe Online Surfing** – This is a range of fun games from word searches to matching games, aimed at kids aged 7 to 13. They cover everything from online etiquette to avoiding scams.

**Finn Goes Online** – This app teaches kids about online safety as a 'Choose Your Own Adventure' game. It explains data privacy, cyberbullying, password security and how to stop and avoid online abuse. While it covers some advanced topics, the cute design and the simple language make it suitable for children ages 7 and up.

**Band Runner** – A fun game for 8 to 10-year-old kids with exciting gameplay, where your kids have to answer online security questions to level up their character. The **Child Exploitation and Online Protection** website also has educational content and quizzes for other age groups, making it easy to find lots of great information about online safety, once they're done playing the game.

**Privacy on Patrol Squad** – This is a free set of educational materials for children aged 7 to 11. It includes fun worksheets and quizzes to help your kids learn about internet privacy, passwords and cyber security. There's a big focus on privacy and data protection to make sure that your children lower the risk of identity theft in later years.

**Cyber Defence Quiz** – This is a fun quiz for ages 8 to 12 where your kids answer questions about password strength, email attachments and phishing. The website has a lot of other games and

learning material as well, so you will always find something to help your children learn about online security. It's worth either letting your child watch some of the videos, or you can help explain online security to your kids as they play the quiz.

**Interland** – An educational game made by Google to help teach kids about a range of online safety concerns, it has lessons on cyberbullying, phishing, data protection, and more. Every separate online safety skill is split into a different area in the game and your children get to learn through a variety of mini-games and quizzes. Interland is designed for kids aged 8 to 12.

**That's Not Cool** – A site with interactive games and activities to teach online safety to kids ages 13 to 18, That's Not Cool focuses on healthy and safe friendships and relationships online. This can help your teens make sure they are acting safely online when it comes to interacting with other people and avoid cyberbullying.



## EE MOBILE AND INTERNET MATTERS

EE have partnered with Internet Matters We understand the importance of internet safety and want to help you and your family stay safe online.

*The internet is a great way for families to learn and have fun, but there are issues to be aware of such as cyber-bullying and age-appropriate content. By following a few simple steps, you can help your family, especially children, stay safe online.*



Our partners, **Internet Matters**, have a website full of free and easy to follow expert advice



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Every care has been taken to ensure the information and any recommendations in the newsletter are accurate at the time of publishing. Schools must make their own judgements when sharing our recommendations with parents and carers and, where appropriate, always risk assess with their pupils and whole school community in mind.

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