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From the Online Safety Team: Online Safety at Villa Real School

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APPS

Apps can be a positive place for you to socialise with peers.

Many enable instant messaging, social networking and image sharing.

Some, like YouTube, can also be a great creative outlet. But consider:

• Privacy settings and age relevance

• Talking to them about the content they share

• Discussing the consequences of sharing messages and images.

Gaming is fun but be aware that it can be all consuming. Some things to consider:

• Use the gaming consoles' safety settings.

• Agree with your child how much time they can spend playing online.

• Pay attention to the PEGI (age) ratings and what they mean.

• Remember that some online games have inbuilt chat functions.

• Be aware that your child might use servers or 3rd party applications to access interactive online communities.

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https://www.villarealschool.co.uk/online-safety

https://swgfl.org.uk/audience/parents/

Remember, it's not the technology that's the problem, it's the bullies' behaviour.

Support young people by:

• Talking about bullying issues.

• Making sure young people know that they can turn to you for support.

• Reporting any incidents - it will help your child and others too.

Useful links & UK Safer Internet Centre tips:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/cyberbullying-advice-for-parents-and-carers

Anti Bullying Alliance:

https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/

ENABLE Anti-bullying Programme:

http://enable.eun.org/

Broadcasting online brings an instant thrill that can be addictive.

Encourage young people to think about:

• Body image - talk to them about how they want to be perceived online and who their audience might be

• Privacy - how do they protect it? You can't edit something that is going out 'live'

• Age appropriate - is the site they're using appropriate for them? Most social media sites are aimed at 13 year olds and upwards. If not, is there a way to make it safer for them (e.g. YouTube Kids).

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