

Haggerston School

Staying Safe Online

At Haggerston we encourage students to engage and use technology in

school and we put several measures

in place to educate and protect students

against the dangers of internet use. This leaflet contains

information and advice on how as parent you can best support your child and help them stay safe online.



What are the issues?

•Online behaviour – Children can be at risk due to their actions online. This includes sharing too much information about themselves or engaging in the bullying of others. Your child needs to understand that there are potentially serious consequences to sharing information about themselves or others

•Internet content – Children may have access to non age-appropriate or unreliable content. This includes sexual, violent or copyrighted material. It is important that your child understands that there is no filter applied to information that can appear on the internet.

•Contacting others – With a wide range of communication methods accessible via the internet, and on a number of devices, your child could be contacted by bullies or people seeking to groom or abuse them. It is important that your child regularly reviews the privacy settings on all of the apps and sites that they use.

•Commercialism – Your child may use a range of free apps and sites, however many make money through targeted advertising and in app purchasing. Make sure that your child understands what is free and what is not, and that they should not share personal information through these methods.

WHAT IS MY CHILD DOING ONLINE?

- Sharing** – Information including images, videos and conversation chats to keep friends up to date
- Gaming** – To compete against friends, make purchases online for the latest games and updates and communicate with friends through the console's online portal
- Socialising** – To communicate with people through several different means, including email, instant messaging, webcam and chat rooms. This allows them to be inquisitive, explore relationships and actively seek risks, such as flirting with people that they don't know.
- Searching** – To access information and material that might be inappropriate for their age, or stumble across things that might upset or disturb them, including unrestricted access to adult material, extreme opinions and pirated material.

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How can I support my child?

- **Be involved** – Talk to them about their online use. Be inquisitive and interested in the new gadgets, apps and sites that your child is using.
- **Set boundaries** – Think about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online.
- **Understand connectivity** – With more and more devices now having internet capability. Make sure you're aware of which ones can connect to the internet, such as their smartphone, tablet and games console.
- **Parental controls** – Consider the use of parental controls on devices that link to the internet.
- **False identities** – Emphasize that not everyone is who they say they are. Make sure your child understands that they should never meet up with anyone they only know online without taking a trusted adult with them.



What the law says

- **Privacy/Cyberbullying** – There are several UK laws that can be applied to children who have been perpetrators of bullying through electronic communication, or the spreading of information without consent of the subject. Haggerston has a strict policy to follow, which if broken, can result in further disciplinary action.
- **Pirating movies, music and software** – It's easy for children to download and make illegal copies of copyrighted movies, music and software. This is an offence under the Copyright, Designs and Patent Act 1988.
- **Libel and defamation** – Social networking sites and apps allow children to attack others. These attacks can sometimes amount to libel or defamation lawsuits, or disciplinary action at school.
- **Sexting** – Sexting refers to 'sending or receiving sexually explicit or sexually suggestive nude or seminude images or video'. Sharing explicit images of under 18s is an offence even if they are taken by someone who is under the age of 18.

Most Popular Apps	
Logo	App Description
	Houseparty is a group chat app. When the user and their friends are in the app at the same time, they'll see each other instantly. One tap and they're in. Users could be in a group chat with their friends and people that they do not know.
	On YouTube, you can tap 'Go Live' and broadcast to a live audience, expand your social media following, comment on videos and buy virtual gifts.
	Twitch is a live video game website. Users can watch playbacks of games being played by other people. Users can also live stream their own games.
	Discord is the only cross-platform voice and text chat app designed specifically for gamers. It is perfect for chatting with team members and seeing who is playing online. Not all team members would be known to the user.
	On Snapchat, users can send photos and videos that delete themselves after a few seconds. This may encourage inappropriate content being recorded as users are less concerned because the content will be deleted. However, content can be retrieved.
	TikTok is a global video community powered by music. Whether it's dance, freestyle or performance, users are encouraged to let their imagination run wild and express themselves as they wish.

Most Concerning Apps	
Logo	App Description
	Kik is an instant messaging app which lets users share messages, photos, games and news or organise events. Kik only requires users to provide a username so the actual details of other users would be unknown.
	Yubo allows users to meet new people around the world. Make new friends, chat and meet new people. Right to like, left to pass; just like Tinder. If two people like each other's pictures, they can chat live.
	Send Safe is a free service which allows you to send a message or photo via popular apps that disappears after seen once. Monkey allows users to talk to strangers. Users can facetime strangers from anywhere.
	Monkey stories can be created and viewed by tapping the tree. Users can send a friend request if they like what they hear or see. Secret Calculator hides photos, contacts and videos behind a calculator icon. If users put in a passcode it will open a private area. Users can browse the internet without the history being saved.