

ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Enhance your awareness of how to reduce the online risks to your child.

70% OF PEOPLE AGED 13-22 HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF ONLINE BULLYING

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40% OF YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN SEXTING ACCORDING TO SOME MEASURES

NSPCC

UP TO **80,000** PEOPLE IN THE UK PRESENT SOME KIND OF SEXUAL THREAT TO CHILDREN ONLINE

National Crime Agency, September 2018



The rise of digital technologies has seen children and parents / carers facing challenges not faced by previous generations. It is essential that schools and families are aware of the risks involved and the actions that can be taken to reduce these risks.

To enhance your knowledge of the risks children face and how you can help them to deal with these challenges, your child's school has arranged for you to have access to access OSA online safety training for parents.

Training includes:

- Social media management
- Online risks to children
- Keeping children safe

Support
safeguarding
procedures in your
child's school

The training, completed online, should take up to an hour to complete but does not need to be completed in one sitting.

How to complete the training

- Go online and visit <https://certificate.onlinesafetyalliance.org/login/>
- Select to log in with either Microsoft or Google. If you do not have an account with either of these, you can select the Google option and then select 'Create account'.
- Once logged in, select 'Courses' and then 'Online Safety for Parents CPD Certification'.
- You will need to enter an enrolment code – this will be provided by your school.
- Work through the three presentations and two on-screen assessment to complete the course.

ONLINE SAFETY CERTIFICATION SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT

Snapchat

Like Instagram, Snapchat is one of the new image-based social media platforms which is incredibly popular with children. One of the key features of SnapChat is that, by default, messages sent through Snapchat disappear seconds after they are viewed by the recipient. As with Instagram, the minimum age to use Snapchat is 13 but it is rapidly growing to become the social media platform of choice for children younger than this.

ONLINE SAFETY CERTIFICATION GROOMING

Sexual grooming

To give a flavour of the range of characteristics of child sexual grooming cases, please consider the following cases. It is just a small sample of defendants found guilty in the UK over recent months.

In December 2017, a 29 year old woman was jailed for five years for child abduction, sexual activity with a child and meeting a child following sexual grooming reminding us that groomers can be of either gender.

Charlene Baxter groomed a 13 year old boy over Facebook before meeting up and giving him alcohol and engaging in sexual activity while camping overnight on a Dorset beach.

ONLINE SAFETY CERTIFICATION SUPPORTING CHILDREN

Support channels when things go wrong

CEOP

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) is a branch within the police which helps young people who are being approached online about sex or are suffering sexual abuse. Click CEOP can be the most effective means for stopping grooming, sexual abuse of many types and exploitation.

CLICK CEOP
Internet Safety