



For Schools:

October half-term is but a memory, the Christmas holiday is on the horizon so it seems appropriate to raise the following questions:

- How safe is your school's data?
- Does your school have an up to date Data Security Policy?
- Does your Data Security Policy include provisions for homeworking/anytime/anywhere/access?
- Do all your school's network users (including pupils/students) regularly receive Data Security and Data Protection training?
- Would you know if your school experienced a Data Security Incident?
- How resilient is your school's IT network?
- Is your school's network protected from internal and external threats?

The National Education Network has produced a number of Information Sheets and Guidance Notes for school leaders:
<http://www.nen.gov.uk/advice-for-schools-and-academies/>

What is a cyber Security threat?

Review Sir Tim Berners-Lee's video (World Wide Web inventor) on cyber security threat:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-37821867>

You can undertake a **free trial** review of your school's/organisation's Data Security:
<https://360data.org.uk/quickstart>

Did you know 'There is a European Strategy to deliver a better internet for our children?'

Read more about the **European Strategy to Deliver a Better Internet for our children** which includes:

- Stimulating the production of creative and educational online contents for children
- Scaling up awareness and empowerment including teaching of digital literacy and online safety
- Creating a safe environment for children through age-appropriate privacy settings, wider use of parental controls
- Combating child sexual abuse material online and child sexual exploitation

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/node/286>

Important Dates
14th to 16th November 2016 - Anti-Bullying Week

This year's theme is **'Power for Good'**
View the official Anti-Bullying Week film 2016:
<http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/>

6th December 2016 - Scomis Online Safety Webinar - available to schools that have an Online Safety SLA with us

7th December 2016 – Scomis Online Safety Seminar at the Pavilions Centre, Royal Showground, Wadebridge @ 13.30pm. To book a place please email

scomis@devon.gov.uk

And don't forget!

7th February 2017 - Safer Internet Day (SID)

The theme for SID is **'Be the change: Unite for a better internet'**. Organised by Insafe and celebrated around the world to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology.

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/>



For Parents:

Welcome to the Parents and Carers section of the Scomis Essential Online Safety Service Newsletter

Stores and websites such as Hamleys, Harrods, Argos and Amazon began promoting Christmas 2016 during the summer holidays!

In this issue we sign-post parents and carers to useful websites providing sound advice on steps to be taken before presents are wrapped.

Did you know?

- It is possible to access **inappropriate** websites through Playstation and Xbox consoles?
- Different games consoles are best suited to different ages (Nintendo 3DS and Wii U have more games suitable for younger children)
- Many games feature online multiplayer gameplay (competing against or with other players over the internet)
- Games consoles **do have** parental controls
- Games consoles require an internet connection to download updates. Some remain connected in stand-by mode and download content when not in use (**Turn them off when not in use**)
- Games consoles connect to online app or games stores which can be used to download games

(www.internetmatters.org)

Do you know how to:

- Set up broadband filters?
- Set up parental controls?
- Download age appropriate apps?
- Set up privacy settings?

See below for links to really good websites with videos to view and which provide easy to read guides

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/best-apps-for-kids-age-5-8>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/child-friendly-apps-your-children-will-enjoy/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/research/social-networking-how-to-guides-for-parents/>

Remember you can check the recommended age restriction for Apps at: www.common sense media.org

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Have you heard of?

Better Internet for Kids

View educational resources and videos aimed at helping teachers, parents, carers, children and young people, to discover the online world safely.

<https://www.betterinternet>

[forkids.eu/
web/portal/resources](http://forkids.eu/web/portal/resources)

(NB. The UK Safer Internet Centre is part of the Insafe-INHOPE network)

Research on behalf of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) by the online safety organisation **Digital Awareness UK (DAUK)** finds anecdotal evidence of

children as young as nine checking devices 10 times a night.

Check with your service provider if you can restrict access for your child's device/s

DAUK advises schools to encourage young people to have a "digital detox" and put mobile devices away for 90 minutes before lights-out or to keep them out of the bedroom.

<https://www.tes.com/news/school-news/breaking-news/using-mobile-phones-during-night-affects-our-school-work-teenagers>

Would you like a Family Media Plan?

Healthychildren.org has launched online tools where you can create your own **Family Media Plan** to assess how much time your family is 'Online' and produce a **Media Calculator**.

Very simple and easy to use!

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/media/Pages/default.aspx>

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UK Safer Internet Centre raises Safety **concerns about a new dating app:**

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/forget-tinder-hello-yellow>

Yellow (Friends for Snapchat)– Directly linked to Snapchat. Sign-up requests age, gender and which gender you are interested in.

Available on the App Store with a Recommended Age 17+