

**Keeping  
children safe  
online**

**Did you know...?**

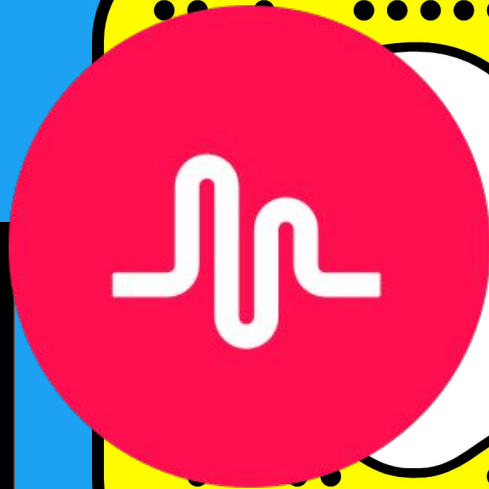
Over half of 3-4 year olds use a Tablet.

# Did you know...?

Pre-school children are online for an average of 71 minutes every day.

# Did you know...?

62% of 11 year olds have a Facebook profile. The minimum age should be 13.



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**Talk to strangers!**

# Put yourself in control

Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet enabled devices. Find out more at [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

# Search safely

Use safe search engines

[www.swiggle.org.uk](http://www.swiggle.org.uk)

[www.kids-search.com](http://www.kids-search.com)

Safe searches can also be activated on  
Google as well as Youtube

# Agree boundaries

Have a family agreement about where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they should share.



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Tablets, smart phones and gaming devices should not be taken into children's bedrooms at night.

# Explore and chat together

Encourage children to use devices in communal areas so that you can see the sites they're visiting.

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Talk to your child about the sites they have been visiting and discuss what they have come across.

Make sure that your child shares any passwords with you so that you can check their devices and their browsing history.

# Check if it's suitable

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide for parents. The minimum age for most social networking sites, including Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram is 13.

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Although you don't have to be a certain age to watch videos on Youtube, users need to be 13 or over to have their own Youtube account

# Social media

Is your child chatting with strangers online?

Make sure that your child understands that many people hide behind fake profiles.

# Social media

Are they sharing their location through apps?

Make sure geo-location is disabled to keep their whereabouts private.

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Are they gaming with strangers online?

Make sure that your child understands how to block people online – people aren't always who they say they are.



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Do they understand that what they share online can hurt others?

Talk about things that might be hurtful and ask the question 'Would you say or do that in the real world?'

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If you have brought a device with you, we can help to make sure parental controls are set up.