



Stanchester Academy Online safety at home:



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The majority of young people now spend more time online doing their school work, playing games or socialising. Technology is hugely valuable for education, as well as a way to keep in touch with friends and family. However it's important we all consider how we can help keep young people safer online. Here's some information about what your child may enjoy online and what you can do to help keep them safer:

New SEND Online Safety Hub

NetAware have launched a new hub for parents of children with special educational needs, to support them with keeping their children safe online.

The new hub includes top tips, activities and guidance. You can also sign up for a regular newsletter.

Find the hub at:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/send-online-safety-hub/>

New video chat site "Omegle"

Omegle is a video-chatting website that pairs random users identified as 'You' and 'Stranger' to chat online via 'Text', 'Video' or both. Omegle does not appear to have robust moderation nor is there a registration or age verification making users potential targets for online predators [What is Omegle?](#) [What parents need to know | Internet Matters](#)

More information?

Thinkuknow is the education programme from the National Crime Agency's Child Protection Command CEOP (NCA-CEOP). Their aim is to protect children and young people from sexual abuse online.

For more information, advice and guidance, visit their [parents website](#) and download their [home activity worksheets](#) for fun, online safety activities to do with your family.

Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online

Have an ongoing conversation: Continue to talk about the apps, games and sites they like to use, and what they like and don't like and any concerns about being online. Discuss with them when to unfollow, block or report. For help starting this conversation, read [having a conversation with your child](#).

Parental controls: Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so they shouldn't replace the need for you to support and advise your child using the internet. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#).