



# Online Safety Newsletter

## Scotts Primary School

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Welcome to this half-term's online safety newsletter.

This half-term's online safety learning focus has been online reputation, as well as an AI focus for Safer Internet Day. If you'd like to continue the learning around Safer Internet Day themes at home, further information can be found [here](#).

Have a good half-term break.

Ms Uppal & Miss Batchelor

## Safer Internet Day 2026

This week, all classes participated in Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was, 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.' Pupils explored how artificial intelligence is integrated into everyday life, while considering potential risks and safe usage approaches. In addition to assemblies and in-class activities, our Digital Leaders ran a successful parent workshop. This involved a presentation about AI and interactive 'escape room' challenges.

The following useful resource links were shared with parents during the session. Please do take a look if you were unable to attend:

- [Internet Matters](#) – Parental guides, advice and controls guidance.
- [NSPCC](#) – Online safety guidance for parents.
- [Common Sense Media](#) – Reviews and content guidance of games, apps, etc.
- [LGfL ParentSafe](#) - Support resources, including a family digital agreement.
- School website: <https://www.scotts.havering.sch.uk/pupilsandparents/onlinesafety>

## Children's Digital Lives



The Children's Commissioner has released a new guide to help parents/carers in managing children's digital life. The guide was written with direct involvement from children. It includes advice on setting boundaries such as no devices in the bedroom and online safety conversation starters. You can [find the guide here](#).



# AI Focus: Image Generation

AI image generator tools are widely available and increasingly used by some children. Whilst these tools can be used for creative purposes, we need to ensure children are aware of the appropriate way in which to use them and the circumstances when they should not be used, even if harm is not intended.

## What are AI image generator tools?

AI image generators can create new images from text descriptions (prompts) or from other images using artificial intelligence. They can turn text like, 'a realistic cat wearing a space helmet' into an image. They can also be used to create art, illustrations, photos, logos or designs, as well as being used for editing images. Such tools can be used to create or modify images, for example, it could be used to swap faces, change expressions or for more sinister reasons, such as to remove clothes. These images are often very realistic and therefore difficult to see that they are fake.

## Privacy concerns and consent

If a child is using these tools, they need to be aware of potential loss of privacy and the importance of consent. They should know that they can only create or use images of other people with consent.

## What does my child need to know about using these tools?

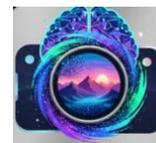
- Even if the child's intention is not malicious, children should not use AI tools to create or edit photos of others without their permission.
- The tools should not be used to create images that can embarrass or hurt others - this is a form of online bullying.
- These images could be reused by others, which can affect their own digital footprint.

## What should I do?

- Chat to your child if they are using these tools and ascertain the reason why. Ask them to show you the images that they have created.
- Check the age ratings of any apps/websites that your child is using and set up appropriate parental controls.
- Develop your child's digital literacy by teaching them to recognise online risks and to behave responsibly online.

## Further information:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-to-children-about-ai/>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/>



## Parental Controls - Support Videos

Internet Matters have recently uploaded 3 new short videos onto YouTube, each focusing on parental controls for *YouTube*, *Roblox* and *TikTok*. Hopefully these will be useful support videos in helping to set-up controls.

### YouTube Parental Controls -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hskr4KnSKJE>

### Roblox Parental Controls -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkMuSv0rRWw>

### TikTok Parental Controls -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KFzq7iG5LE>



## CBeebies Learning Apps

CBeebies is full of useful information for parents, including advice, creative activities, games and learning activities.

Their apps include:

- **Playtime Island** - Fun Games for Kids App. This app includes 40 free games.
- **CBeebies Learn** - Early Years Learning App. This app includes learning games and videos.
- **Open-ended creative activities** - lots of drawing and painting activities.
- **Reading Stories App**. This app includes interactive story books.

You can explore the site here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/abeebies/parenting>



## Quick Links

Parental Controls



Digital Wellbeing



PEGI Age Ratings



Harmful Content



Commonsense Media



Social Media

