

# Birds Bush Parent E-safety Newsletter



## DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

In this term's newsletter, I have identified some of the latest safety information and guidance about the use of the Internet. If you have any concerns or would like any more information about E-safety, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## BE SHARE AWARE

It can be hard to keep track of what your child is doing on social networks, apps and games. Or know how to keep them safe. That's why the NSPCC have teamed up with the O2 to provide parents with information and guidance about the

### 3 tips to help start the conversation

1. Explore sites and apps together and talk about any concerns.
2. Ask your child if they know how to stay safe online.
3. Talk about personal information and what to share online.

Get more advice about how to talk to your

## PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPLE PRODUCTS

You will find the following instructions useful if your child has access to an iPhone or iPad. Using automatic settings (as well as the blacklist feature) you can prevent your children from clicking on links leading to insecure sites.

1. Start the **Setting app** from the Home screen and tap **General**.
2. Then tap **Restrictions** and proceed with **Enable Restrictions**.
3. Come up with a 4-digit **password** and enter it two times.
4. Under **Allowed Content**, tap on **Websites**.
5. Under the **Allowed Websites** section, tap on **Limit Adult Content**.
6. Under **Never Allow**, pick **Add a Website** and type the URL of the site.
7. Once you finished, tap **Done**.



**APPS TO BE AWARE OF...**

**BLAZE AND THE MONSTER MACHINES**

This app is a child friendly game based on the popular television show which is aimed at children aged 4 and above.



It teaches children about science, technology, engineering, and maths concepts through the adventures of monster trucks and human characters. Each episode presents the characters with problems that must be solved.

Please be aware of a **fake version** of this children's app released earlier this year which included threatening and offensive content.

Google and Nickelodeon have now had this **illicit app removed** from the play store; however, please be aware in case this was **previously** downloaded.



Visit BBC News for more information: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-42821938>

**OMEGLE (Rated 18+)**

Omegle is a social networking site that **randomly** connects you to people on the site. It lets you talk to them in a one-to-one **audio or video** conversation. You can both appear as **anonymous**, unless you decide to share your



**FORTNITE (Rated 12+)**

If your children say they're playing Fortnite, they're probably talking about Battle Royale, the free-to-play version. In this version, up to 100 people participate in a match together. Players are dropped onto the game map and must compete to be the last one standing by killing every other player in the game. During the game, players collect weapons, build safe structures, and try to avoid the Storm that damages all players outside of a safe zone.



Live, unmoderated chat is possible between users in the console and PC versions of *Fortnite: Battle Royale*. Both voice chat and on-screen text chat are options. This exposes players to random strangers and the likelihood of inappropriate language. Chat is currently unavailable in the mobile version of the game.

To disable voice chat, open the Settings menu in

**Help your kids stay safe online.  
Work as a TEAM**

  
Talk

  
Explore

  
Agree

  
Manage

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>