

# MARSHFIELD CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As Christmas is almost here and children will be spending more time at home, this is the perfect time to remind everyone how to keep themselves safe online.

Technology is now a very popular item on many children's lists with tablets, smartphones, game consoles and smartwatches likely to be asked for this year.

Whilst we want children to enjoy their presents, it is also important that parents look at ways to ensure that their children use these devices safely. This includes **setting parental controls** and understanding that video games have **PEGI ratings** similar to the classification for films.

Other things that you may want to consider is managing **screen time** so that you can monitor the amount of time being spent on each device.

Finally, make sure that you talk to your children about online safety.

The Sea Turtles Class have created a poster of the 12 days of Christmas e safety with some useful reminders.

Below are some useful links to help.

Parental Controls

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

PEGI Games Ratings

<https://pegi.info/>

Apps/social media

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

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We're working  
towards Artsmark  
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Talking To Children

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Wishing you all a very merry and safe Christmas and New Year!

Kind regards

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# The 12 days of Christmas e-safety



- 1 Don't share personal information!**  
Do not share: Passwords, Names, post codes and your Location.  

- 2 Check PEGI and app ratings**  
Check if its PG or a 12  

- 3 Stranger Danger**  
Make sure your child is safe online and is not talking to anyone they do not know. There are some bad people out there who may not be who they say they are.  

- 4 Set parental controls.**  
Enable location settings. Enable downloading apps. Set how long your child can be on a device.  

- 5 Set a digital sunset and manage screen time.**  

- 6 Check privacy settings**  
because if you are not careful you will be in danger. You need to be aware of if you have a public or private account.  

- 7 Talk to your child about E-Safety!**  

- 8 Remember to take safe selfies.**  
This means that when you take a selfie you have to make sure that the road name or school logo or anything that tells your whereabouts isn't in the photo.  

- 9 PROTECT YOUR PASSWORD!**  
Like putting three random words together to make a long word, and for some letters you can change to numbers like o can change to 0.  

- 10 Set up home internet filtering!**  
Set up home internet filtering to block unsuitable content.  

- 11 Set up child profiles**  
for online streaming like: YouTube, Netflix, BBC iPlayer, ITV, prime video  

- 12 Use tech in communal areas**  
Children should use computers and phones in a public place like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on what they are doing.  




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