



## Online Safety Checklist

- Ensure that the use of technology is purposeful. Teach children that technology is a tool.
- Always** supervise children when they are using technology and accessing the internet in the setting.
- Use setting devices and not personal ones.
- Check websites, apps and search results to ensure they are age appropriate.
- Ensure that you are using an appropriate filter when searching the internet. You can use [Google SafeSearch](#) or use a child specific search engine such as [Swiggle](#).
- Ensure safety and privacy settings are set at the highest level.
- Model safe internet use and language and allow children to follow your examples when using it themselves. Talk to the children about keeping safe online and what to do if they need help.
- Conduct regular checks of all equipment to ensure appropriate access and use.
- Ensure that you regularly share information about online safety with families and carers.
- Consider what online risks children may be exposed to at home (e.g. vulnerability to radicalisation or other safeguarding risks).
- Know how to ask for and find advice.
- Ensure you have an online safety policy (or a specific section in the safeguarding policy), including the use of phones, cameras, social media, and wearable technology.
- Keep up to date with technology updates and training and be aware of the benefits and risks to children.

### Useful resources

[Online safety considerations for managers](#)

[Online safety guidance for practitioners](#)

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

[Online Safety Self-Review Tool | 360 Early Years | 360 Early Years](#)

