Safeguarding children

1.26 Online safety checklist for under 5s

Parents / carers should start talking to your child about keeping safe online at an early age. It's easier to have conversations about online safety little and often, rather than trying to cover everything at once.

✓ **Boundaries**

Set boundaries from the start. It makes it easier than trying to play catch-up at a later stage.

✓ **Check websites**

Check that websites are suitable before your child visits them.

✓ **Parental pages**

Look for websites that have parental pages that explain how the site works and how they keep your child safe.

✓ **Homepage settings**

Ensure your home page is set to a child-friendly website.

✓ **Friends**

Talk to friends about what websites their children use.

✓ **Games**

Play games with your child to get them used to being online.

✓**Filter out explicit content**

Settings on all devices should be changed to filter out explicit content.

✓ **Safety settings**

Turn on 'Safe Search' on every site you use to filter sexually explicit content from your search results.

[Checklist taken from an NSPCC factsheet on eSafety.]

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