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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Online Safety

As the online world is becoming an ever-increasing part of all our lives, we believe it is important that we work closely with parent/carers to reduce online risks posed to children and to all play an active role in teaching our students about online risks. An awareness of how to act safely online is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our students and we all have a part to play in this.

#### National Online Safety

As a school we believe that it is important that our parents/carers have access to a range of resources to help them keep their child safe online at home and when using their mobile phone. We therefore have a school subscription to National Online Safety (NOS) and all we encourage all our parents/carers to register for a free account using the link below:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/royds-hall-community-school> . This website can be accessed via any device and there is also a free National Online Safety app. To download this app, please go to:

- <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372> or
  - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>
- Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

Once you've created your account there is a really useful walk-through guide for parents/carers which demonstrates the breadth of resources available to you. Please follow the link below for a walk-through guide <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre/parent-walkthrough-for-national-online-safety> . You can also find more help and support and answers to frequently asked questions and customer service at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre> .

#### Safe use of internet in school

To keep your child safe online in school, we have very sophisticated firewalls to prevent students accessing any inappropriate material. We also teach students about how to keep themselves safe online through assemblies, Personal Development lesson, Form time and their Computing lessons.

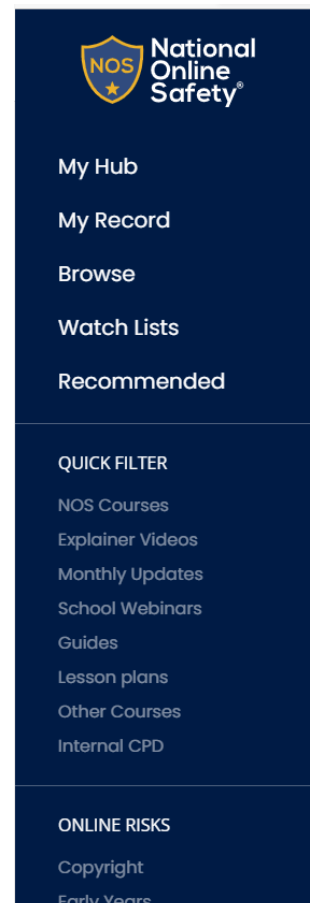
#### Accessing Parent resources on National Online Safety:

Once you have logged into National Online Safety, please click onto **"Watch lists"** and then you will be able to see some online courses which we have suggested that you watch for further information.

Another useful section of the National Online Safety website is "guides". This provides one page PDF guides on key topics and these can also be downloaded. Examples include:

- What parents need to know about Roblox
- What parents need to know about Instagram
- Tips for supporting children dealing with grief

We also add these resources each week to the Royds Hall Twitter page



The screenshot shows the National Online Safety website interface. At the top is the NOS logo. Below it are navigation links: My Hub, My Record, Browse, Watch Lists, and Recommended. A 'QUICK FILTER' section lists: NOS Courses, Explainer Videos, Monthly Updates, School Webinars, Guides, Lesson plans, Other Courses, and Internal CPD. At the bottom is an 'ONLINE RISKS' section with links for Copyright and Early Years.



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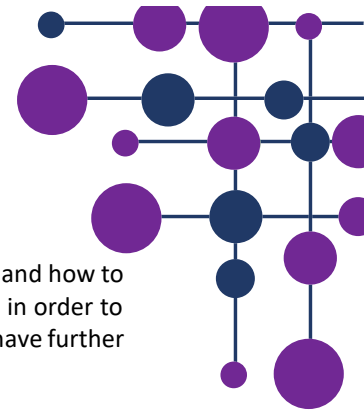


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## How to keep your child safe online

There are a range of “guides” on National Online Safety about how to set up Parent controls for apps and how to limit age appropriate content. We strongly advise that you have these set up on your child’s devices, in order to keep them safe. There is a reminder below of the age restrictions for Social media and apps. We also have further information on our website at [Royds Hall, A SHARE Academy - Safeguarding](#)

### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Age Restriction	Platforms
Under 13	Roblox, PopJam, FaceTime
13+	Twitter, Facebook and Messenger, Viber, WeChat, Monkey, Yubo, Dubsplash, Instagram, TikTok, Skype, Google Hangouts, Reddit, Snapchat, Pinterest
16+	WhatsApp, Telegram Messenger, Tumblr
17+	Line, Sarahah, Tellonym

Sourced from NSPCC website October

## How to report concerns about Online safety

If you have any concerns about the online safety of your child (including who they have been communicating with), this should be reported to CEOP

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>. Please also make school aware via emailing [royds.help@sharemat.co.uk](mailto:royds.help@sharemat.co.uk) or your child’s Head of Year, so that we can support them in school.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information. If you require this letter in an alternative format, please let us know

Yours faithfully

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