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New NSPCC Videos

The NSPCC have been uploading some new videos onto their YouTube channel over the last week.

Although not strictly online safety related, I thought it may be useful to share, there are topics such as dealing with bullying, understanding healthy relationships and consent amongst others.

To see their latest videos you can follow **[THIS](#)** link.

Social media support from parents

If you do allow your child to access social media, we ask for your vigilance. Just like their interactions in person, online interactions require supervision and support. What is right will vary from family to family but some strategies that are known to be successful include:

- Monitoring their phones for the apps that are downloaded;
- Enacting parental controls on phones and consoles;
- Reviewing the messages they send on platforms and apps – making monitoring part of a daily or weekly routine;
- Setting expectations about what space (preferably communal) and times they have access to devices;
- Encouraging them to share or discuss with you what they are doing.



Parental Controls

The information below outlines some of the parental control features that can be used on devices that children may use.

Roblox Checklist

Roblox have created a checklist for parents which includes:

- How to report abuse.
- How to block users.
- Setting up a parent control pin.
- And more.

The resource can be downloaded [HERE](#)

Instagram New Messaging Settings

Meta is introducing more safety features on its Instagram platform. These new Instagram features (some of which will be transitioned into Facebook Messenger) include:

- Limiting teens' ability to see sensitive content.
- Nudges to encourage teens to close Instagram at night.
- Stricter private messaging (adults should not be able to privately message children who don't follow those adults).
- Children can only be messaged by people they already follow or are connected to.

Online Safety Support for Parents/ Carers

The online world is posing an ever increasing risk to children, and it is important that we work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are delighted to announce that we have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with the National College to provide resources for our parents and carers via the National Online Safety Centre.

The resources include parents and carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a wide range of topics.

To create your account, please click <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/oaklands-school-1> and complete your details, selecting parent/carers from the 'job role' on the drop-down menu.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device or via the official APP which you can download via the App Store or Google Play store. Simply search for 'National Online Safety.'

