

Dear Parents,

Safeguarding Liverpool has asked schools to reinforce the following important messages.

It is vital parents and carers actively monitor what their children are viewing online in order to protect them and also to ensure their child's own behaviours are appropriate.

Parents and carers would be advised to watch the following short videos created in New Zealand:

[Keep It Real Online - Pornography](#)

[Keep it Real Online - Bullying](#)

[Keep it Real Online – Grooming](#)

[Keep it Real Online – Parental Controls and Supervision](#)

Parents and carers should also ensure 'parental settings' are in place not just on smartphones but also on any device that connects to the internet.

Merseyside Police recently shared the following message with the whole community:

"We would strongly advise parents to be satisfied that they know who their children are engaging with, be that via social media or through gaming on Xboxes and PlayStation and want to raise awareness of the importance of setting parental controls on computers, games consoles and electronic devices to keep children safe, so they are not exposed to potentially harmful and inappropriate material online."

Guidance about parental controls can be found here:

[Internet Matters - parental controls](#)

[NSPCC – parental controls](#)

The NSPCC have partnered with O2 to provide [O2 Guru](#) where parents can seek further practical advice.

Other online advice for families can be found here:

[NSPCC online safety resources](#) and guidance particularly for families.

[UK Safer Internet Centre resources](#) including guidance for young people, parents/carers and school staff.

[Childnet](#) online safety activities that you can do from your home.

[Internet Matters](#) starter tips to keep kids safe online.

[UKSIC & Facebook Release a New Guide for Schools using Apps](#)

[UKSIC Social media guides](#)

Thank you.

Our Lady's Bishop Eton Team