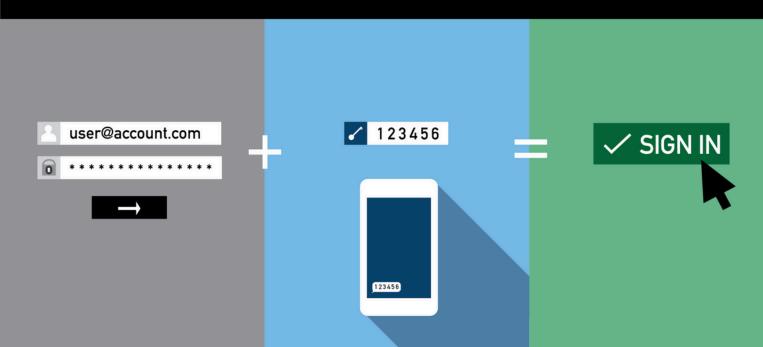


Online Harms Newsletter Summer 2024

TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION



560 Million Account Details Stolen - This week

Since January, billions of accounts from major companies such as Ticketmaster, LiveNation, JD.COM, Myspace.com, Facebook, Instagram, Google Docs & many more have had their personal details stolen, include name, address, phone number, password and basic card details.

Now we are seeing a large number of accounts being hacked across all types of platforms.

To stop this, your best option is to have Two Factor Authentication which is available on all major social media accounts, websites, shops & more. We recommend you check with each provider on how to set this up, completely for free.

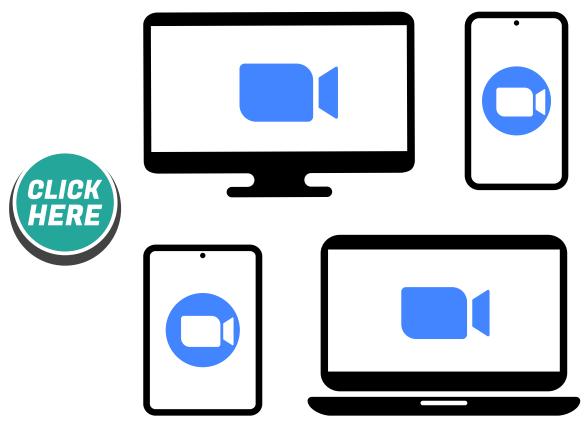
Private Education Award Winners AGAIN



We are pleased to be announced as the Online Safety Education Provider of the year for Private Schools for the second year in a row



FREE Parent Online Safety Event



We have a pre-recorded parent event around Online Safety that you can click the link and enter this passcode:

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- The power of Technology we talk about the truth behind technology and how is gathers information about us as well as how it uses this information to influence what we are shown on our apps, Netflix, TikTok, Google and so much more...
- Parental Controls Including Console Parental controls are well known now and most realise it's benefits for the household but many are not aware that Xbox, Playstation & Nintendo also have free parental controls that can make your life even easier.
- The rise of going Live. We talk about how going Live is becoming not just beneficial to children to get followers, but also a way to earn real money from those watching them live video themselves on a social media platform and why this is becoming ever more appealing and accessible.
- The introduction of AI. We speak directly about how AI is developing, how it is slowly transforming how we use technology as well as some of the concerns about the early use of AI in particular for teenagers.



Android / Google Device user? Download Google Family Link For Free

HERE





Apple Product User?

DOWNLOAD HERE











Siri is changing to "Apple Intelligence" and it will change everything

Siri is a well known AI interface that everyone is used to, but last week it was announced that Siri will get a revamp, turning into "Apple Intelligence", as powerful as ChatGPT and it will make daily life change when it comes to interacting with our Mobile Devices.

The sorts of things will be asking Siri to show you a picture "from that time you were on holiday last year" and it will know the picture you were wanting to see and show you it. It will aid those who struggle to emotionally regulate, spell correctly or any other daily challenges the users face, such as being on time for school & work!

Password Keychains

There are several free to use "Keychain" password apps that store and protect your passwords on your mobile devices. This helps you have stronger passwords, and still able to remember them as the KeyChain will automatically populate the password in an encrypted format, so this cannot be intercepted by potential hackers.

These are free to download on all AppStores and will aid you in the security of your accounts as we go through a phase of hacking on the web that is unprecedented, with more than a billion accounts hacked in the last 5 months.



EXPERIENCE PLAYSTATION APP







FAMILY SETTINGS

Parental Resources for FREE









Parental Controls







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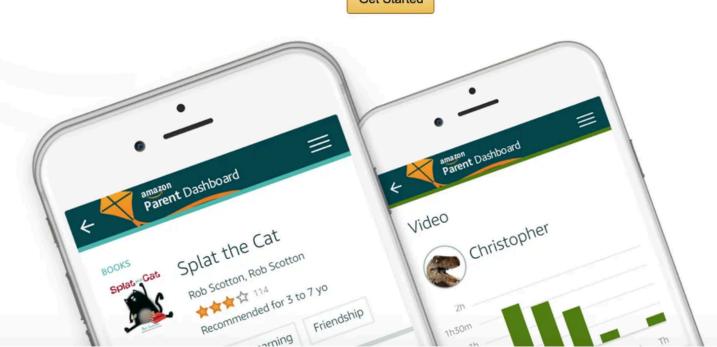
Parent Dashboard

Discover & Connect

Amazon Parent Dashboard lets parents discover the books, videos, educational apps, and games their kids enjoy. Discussion Cards help parents start conversations and make connections with kids about these titles.



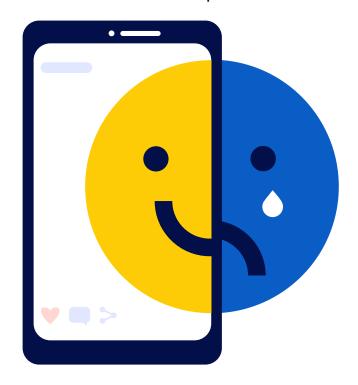
Get Started





Mental Health & Social Media

There is a clear rise in mental health concerns and a lot of content around the subject of Mental Health on Social Media. Some of this can be positive, identifying ways to cope, there are even many mental health companies and charities on Social Media that are trending currently offering many forms of support for all that wish to access their help.



How it catches you

The issue that young people & adults are facing is that once you are anxious, worried, sad or depressed, the algorythm picks up on this and begins to feed you more content. Sadly, a lot of this is a feed that doesn't help Mental Health, instead it magnifies the concerns further and talks to young people about how bad life can get, talking about "Exit Strategies" for life, how no-one can be trusted or that therapy and other forms of support do not help.

The more you watch this content, the more it appears on your feed and so the cycle continues.

What can you do? Talk. If you notice signs that someone around you isn't feeling great, or they're sharing sad content, maybe they're just watching their feed and you hear or see it, talk to them openly, and see where the conversation takes you.



Fortnite is struggling

With a dramatic drop in users, your children are now playing with BOTS.



Epic Games announced a large drop in people playing Fortnite, which meant they had to introduce bots - Al players - to keep the game running smoothly with small wait times to enter games. Is this the slow end for Fortnite? Quite possibly, but Epic Games have another game waiting in the wings to take it's place.

New information about player ages reveals that more than half of players on the game are in fact adults, with a relatively old feature still in place which suggests players to add each other after playing a game together. This is something parents should be mindful of, as the friends list is not a console friends list, it's an in-game friends list.





Age Rating 12 - Friends Lists In-Game

Fortnite is of course an age rating 12+, but often on AppStores the game appears as different age ratings. Please only focus on PEGI age ratings (the green, orange and red age stickers) as these are verified age ratings. AppStore age ratings are unreliable and often the same game is a different age rating on each and every store.