

[Internet Safety: Autumn Term Updates](#)

Kennel Lane School has a subscription to Alan Mackenzie, e-safety advisor, who provides excellent advice to schools across the UK. We have picked out some pertinent articles for carers and parents to look at. There are links provided which will take you to relevant websites relating to each article.

Helping Children with SEND to have Positive Experiences Online

Internet Matters have shared some expert reviews to help parents and their children have positive online experiences. The advice and guidance are simple, but simple is always best.

You can find the link to the expert panel [HERE](#).

Ditch the Label (the anti-bullying charity) have a useful new reporting portal, see [HERE](#) for more information.

Roblox - New Age Rating and Parental Controls

Popular across all ages, but particularly children, Roblox has previously been rated 10+ by ESRB and 7+ by PEGI. This has changed to 'Teen' by ESRB and 'PEGI' with 'Parental Guidance Recommended' by PEGI.

Additionally, Roblox is introducing more parental controls to filter different experiences dependent on the age of the user. This is an interesting and welcome development due to the incredible amount of user-generated content within Roblox.

To read more you can view [THIS](#) article in Forbes.

Harmful Sexual Behaviours Helpline

This free helpline is still available and has already helped hundreds of schools with a variety of HSB incidents including sexualised language online/offline, inappropriate touching and much more.

More details about the helpline and how to contact them are [HERE](#).

Online Bullying

Online bullying is a serious concern for many carers and parents. Online can often be a hidden aspect of many children's lives and children will not always talk if they are being bullied. Internet Matters have put some expert tips together for parents which are split by ages.

You can access the tips [HERE](#).

Snapchat Family Centre Update

Snapchat remains one of the most popular apps used by children and young people.

Snapchat has a Family Centre feature and the company has been adding a couple of updates recently which carers and parents may find useful. This includes being able to see who their children have been sending messages to and a complete list of their child's existing friends.

There is a full breakdown of the Snapchat safety features [HERE](#).

Online Safety Resources (by age)

Internet Matters are continually bringing out new, updated resources for schools and for parents. They have recently put together 3 useful pages which contain a parent pack, common online safety issues, top apps and platforms and a few resources, all split by age to make things easier. You can find a link to each page below:

Early Years - click [HERE](#).

Primary - click [HERE](#).

Secondary - click [HERE](#).

Connecting and Sharing Online (LGBTQ+)

This is another great resource from Internet Matters, a guide for parents to support LGBTQ+ children and young people including the benefits, the risks, the challenges and practical steps in protecting themselves including setting up devices, conversation starters, things to remember and dealing with online issues.

You can find a link to the article [HERE](#).

Digiduck Series

All Early years / Primary schools are aware of Digiduck, a great little story to read to younger children, but did you know there are 5 books in the series?

- Digiduck's Big Decision - the original Digiduck book.
- Digiduck's Famous Friend - finding out who their special guest will be at school.
- Detective Digiduck - the reliability of online information.
- Digiduck and the Magic Castle - a new game that everyone's playing.
- Digiduck Saves the Day - positive uses of the internet to help others.

They are all free to download and are great for reading to the younger children. You can see all 5 books [HERE](#).