Protecting your children
Questions to ask

eLiM e-learning & information management

SOMERSET County Council

Do not be frightened to talk

Many adults feel that they do not know enough about computers to ask the right questions – listed below are some ideas.

GENERAL

What responsibilities do they have when they use the internet?

Do they know that people on the web might not be who they say they are?

Do they know how to report issues?

WEB SEARCHING

Do they use a safe search engine?

Do they know that activity on the web can always be tracked?

Do they have a routine for dealing with sites that produce unacceptable content?

Do they know not to download programs or other content without your permission?

Do they know about malware and viruses?

GAMING

Are their Gaming consoles linked to the Internet?

Do they take part in multi player online games?

Do they know how to report abuse?

Have you agreed a time limit on their game playing?

SOCIAL NETWORKING AND CHAT

Do they have a Social Network/Chat account?

What do they do on the Social Network/Chat site?

Do they know how to set privacy settings?

Do they know how to report abusive messages?

How many 'friends' do they have? Have they met any of them?

Do they know how to block users?

Do they know that anything they post could be seen by anyone in the world?

MOBILE PHONES

Do they know what they would do if they received an abusive text message?

Do they know how to save a text message?

Is their mobile phone able to access the internet?

Have location services been set?

Have parental controls been set on the phone?

Have they PIN protected their phone?

TABLETS AND LAPTOPS

Is their laptop/tablet password/pin code protected?

Have location services been set? How are music, books and games purchased?

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Checklist

We have agreed a set of family rules based around the use of technology.	☐
The rules indicate the length of time children can use technology.	☐
These rules include information about the type/age range of games they can play.	☐
Rules are included for different aged children.	☐
As a parent I model the positive use of technology.	☐
Older children are aware of their responsibilities to brother/sisters.	☐
Parental access controls have been set for the wireless router.	☐
Parental control software has been installed on individual computers.	☐
Age related restrictions have been set on game consoles.	☐
A Safe(r) search engine has been set as the home page (Primary aged children).	☐
My children show me the internet sites they use. (Primary aged children).	☐
Restrictions and rules have been set for the use of mobile phones.	☐
Rules have been set for the use of both webcams or mobile phone cameras.	☐
The family have agreed the occasions and applications where location services are activated.	☐
The family know their rights and responsibilities when using Social Networks.	☐
The children have agreed to only accept people they know and trust in the real world as online 'friends'.	☐
My children have agreed to tell me if they are worried about something online.	☐
The family recognise when to block people online and when to report them.	☐
The family know where to go for help.	☐

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