



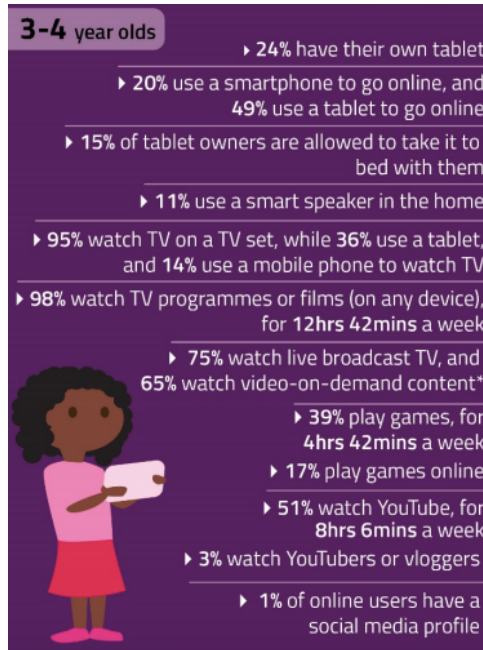
Click IT! Newsletter Spring 2020

Staying Safe **ONLINE**

There has been a lot in the press recently regarding child internet safety starting with the Information Commissioner's Office publishing the new Age Appropriate Design Code in January this year, set up to protect children's privacy. This was followed shortly after by Ofcom's latest research into children's media and online habits which concluded that parents feel that children online use now carries more risks than benefits.

Over the years we have written several articles to help parents ensure that their children are using digital devices safely and with over 49% of 3-4 year olds using a tablet now, this need for safety is more important than ever.

We regularly discuss online safety with children as part of their Click IT! lessons with us and we have specific interactive activities to help children understand how they can stay safe and we will continue to bring in new resources. Please visit our website for previous articles.



Ofcom: Media use by age 2019. Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2019



Term Dates

10 weeks from:
Monday 20th April -
Friday 3rd July.
Half term break: Monday
25th May - Friday 29th
May.

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www.clickit-kids.co.uk

SUMMER TERM 2020 - we look forward to a wonderful term of digital learning with your child at nursery. We have two amazing creative projects: At the Seaside and Hand Print Flowers. Read our activity leaflet for an overview of all activities and you can see more details on the lesson plans on our website: <https://clickit-kids.co.uk/inforparents/>
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E-SAFETY

What parents need to know...

By Sharon Murray



Resources to share with your child...

Digiduck: Appealing online safety stories for young children, the collection includes eBooks, PDFs, a poster and an interactive app. For 3-7 years. There are two stories to work through - Digiduck's Famous Friend and 'Digiduck's Big Decision'. Follow Digiduck and his pals in these stories of friendship, responsibility and critical thinking online. <https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories>

The NSPCC - Online Safety website will help with setting up parental controls to advice on online games and video apps, they will help you keep your child safe and help you to understand the risks that the net poses.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-g-children-safe/online-safety/>

It can be challenging to keep up to speed with what young children are doing online. This website helps you with lots of useful ways to help keep your child safe.

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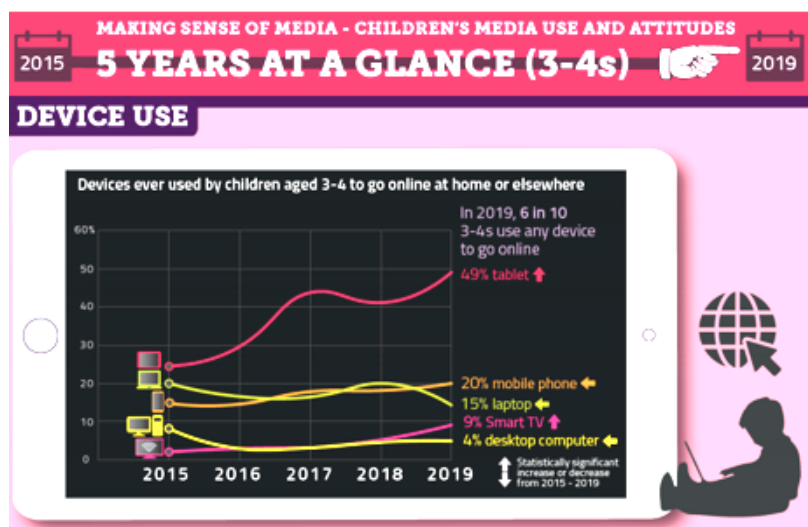
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Educators and professionals working directly in an Early Years Setting play a crucial role in protecting children's privacy and providing awareness of online safety. A child may come across inappropriate content by mistake or by looking if they are curious. The best way to keep your child safe is to talk to your child so that they understand what to do if they feel scared or uncomfortable. It's important to have the conversation as soon as your child starts to use the internet.

What are the risks?

- Inappropriate content
- Ignoring age restrictions
- Friending or communicating with people they don't know
- Grooming and sexual abuse
- Sharing personal information
- Running up debts - children can run up big bills without realising!

Ofcom's Regulations - Protecting Children: when it comes to using the internet, recent Ofcom research shows that 49% of 3-4 year olds are using tablets and smart phones have become more popular than laptops with 20% of 3-4 years olds preferring a smart phone over a laptop (15%).



Of course, we want our children to get the most from the immense amount of technology that is available today, but this technology can come at a cost and children are at risk of material that is inappropriate for them to see or hear. So, what are we doing to help?

Age Appropriate Design Code: on the 21st January 2020 the Information Commissioner's Office published the long-awaited set of 15 standards that online services should meet to protect children's privacy. Research has shown that the internet is not safe for children to learn, discover and play. The 'Statutory Code of Practice' looks to protect the children within the digital world not just to enable children with the knowledge of how to stay safe.

What does this mean for our children accessing the internet?

- Parents will have greater confidence that their children can safely learn, explore and play online.
- The best interests of the child should be a primary consideration when developers design and develop online services likely to be accessed by a child.

The Statutory Code of Practice without a doubt is paving the way to making the UK the safest place in the world to be online for children.

