



Parents

Risks to children and young people using the Internet unsupervised include:

- Accessing and/or coming across content which is inappropriate for their age and stage of development
62% parents surveyed say age-inappropriate content is their top concern
63% of teens surveyed believe that accessing inappropriate content is an issue
- Cyberbullying is when someone bullies others over the internet or mobile device by sending abusive emails, texts or in chatroom Conversations
29% parents surveyed are concerned about online cyberbullying
45% secondary school students surveyed know someone who has been bullied
- Online reputation - it is important that children and young people understand how to manage their online reputation and the impact for them of a negative online reputation
45% of secondary school students surveyed regret things they have said online
9 years old— average age most parents surveyed talk to their children about online safety

To read more about these and other risks, visit Internet Matters website:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Visit Childnet's Skill Centre to review two short videos for



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MovieStar Planet and **Club Penguin**. Learn how to keep your child's skills up to date and stay safe online. Learn where to find safety tools, report buttons and other features to keep their online experience positive and enjoyable



Have you heard of these Apps?



Musical.ly allows teens to make and share 15 second music videos. These feature users lip-syncing to the latest songs provided by the app, singing their own songs or doing comedy skits.

70 million + users

Recommended age 16+



MeetMe

Parents need to know that **MeetMe** is an open network. Users can chat with **anyone** online. Lots of details are required. You can login using Facebook. Permission to use location services is requested.

Recommended age 18+

Reviews from: <https://www.common sense media.org>

A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion.

How to start a conversation:

1. Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online
2. Ask them if they know about how to stay safe online. What tips can they give you and where did they learn them?
3. Ask them if they know what is okay to share and what is not okay to share?
4. Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the Apps, Games and Services they use?
5. Encourage them to help you! Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online, or do they have a friend who they could help and support?
6. Discuss how you could use the Internet as a family, what could you do together?

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>

The following sites also provide guidance on how to start conversations:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/>