

### Discuss what they can share

Teach your child to, "Think, before you share". A 'digital footprint' can **never** be deleted. Even if a post is online for seconds before the user deletes it, that post will forever be online, as part of that user's 'digital footprint'. This could be seen by future schools, colleges, universities, employers, friends, family and beyond! Also think about sharing location details, do you really want everyone to know where you are, every moment of your life?

### Discuss and monitor costs

Phones can be expensive. As well as bills, costs can be run up through downloads, apps, music or leaving data-roaming on, when abroad. Your child should be made aware of the financial responsibilities that come with owning a phone.

### Keep the number private

Young people need to understand that their number should **only** be given to people that they know and trust. Make sure if they are concerned, they ask you **first**.

### Be prepared in case the phone is lost or stolen

Know who to contact to get the SIM card blocked. Every phone has a unique 'IMEI number', which identifies it. Make sure this number is safely stored so that if the phone is stole, the police can identify it. You can get this by dialing \*#06#

### Useful Websites

Below, you will find a selection of useful websites that provide information for parents, carers and children:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)  
[www.digizen.org](http://www.digizen.org)  
[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)  
[www.ceop.gov.uk](http://www.ceop.gov.uk)  
[www.gov.uk/ukcis](http://www.gov.uk/ukcis)  
[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

### Charlestown Safeguarding Team

Mr G Ball is our Safeguarding Lead, with Miss Denham, Mrs Morrison and Mrs Peters, as our Deputy Safeguarding Leads.

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**To speak to one of the team, you can call the school on: 0161 740 3529.**



## eSafety Information

## Using a Mobile Phone

## **My Child's Mobile Phone**

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More and more young people own a mobile phone. The devices themselves are becoming ever more powerful and offer the same, if not better functions than a computer.

### **What can my Smart Phone do?**

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#### **Access the Internet**

This is no different to accessing the internet through a laptop or computer. Young people can go on any site they want to online, including Social Media and potentially websites and apps that are inappropriate for the children's age. At Charlestown, we recommend that your children use [www.kidzsearch.com](http://www.kidzsearch.com) as their search engine rather than Google. Kidz Search is a safe search engine, designed for children.

#### **Take and Share Photos and Videos**

Most smart phones have a camera. Young people can take and very quickly share images and videos, easily and freely.

#### **Chat with others**

This 'chat' can be done through IM (Instant Messaging), DM (Direct Message), video (FaceTime, Snapchat, WhatsApp, TikTok) and text (WhatsApp, Messenger). Phone calls are becoming a thing of the past!

#### **Share your Location**

Through the built-in GPS, your smart phone is constantly tracking your location, if your privacy settings are not strictly set. This enables a users location to be shared, in real time. This can then be shared on Social Media and through other websites and apps.

On Snapchat, the "Snap Map" is automatically enabled, which allows anyone, anywhere to see your location, in real time. If a 'snap' is posted to the area where the person is located, anyone, even someone on a laptop can view your images and videos.

#### **Play Games**

Young people can use their mobile to play games and download new ones, sometimes these can come at a cost. They can also include 'in-app purchases' where card details can be used to create better characters with 'skins', buy new backgrounds or scenarios and many more. These are your banking details, keep them safe!

### **How can I help my child use their smart phone?**

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#### **Parental settings**

These allow you to set certain controls over the phone. This can include blocking access to certain sites and apps, monitoring children's activities and banning the purchase of apps.

When buying a phone, speak to the company selling the phone to find out more about the services they offer. More information for each company can be



found by scanning the QR code on this page which takes you to the 'Internet Matters' website, which lists 16 different companies 'step by step guide' to ensure parental controls are set, with very simple to follow instructions.

#### **Loopholes**

Even if you have set controls, your child may still be accessing the internet through other sources. Many phones can access Wifi, which could be provided for free in certain areas and from other unsecured households in your street. Accessing someone else's Wifi may mean that your safety settings no longer apply.

### **Understand what your child's phone can do**

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All phones are different and you need to know what they are capable of so you can manage the risks.

#### **Set a PIN code**

Like setting a password, without it, you cannot use the phone. Without a PIN, other unwanted people maybe able to access personal information, online accounts and even run up expensive bills!

#### **Set boundaries and monitor usage**

This is not spying on your child! This is clear rules, which may be set with the child, saying where and when the device can be used and for how long. For example, if you do not want your child to use their phone at night, leave it on charge in another room overnight.