

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

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**Parent Online Safety video**

I have made a short video that aims to guide Connaught parents through some key areas of online safety. The video covers: online gaming, social media, what to do if worried about a child, and key websites that parents should be aware of. The video can be found on the Online Safety page of our website and through the following link:

<https://youtu.be/U1MdRDriYmw>

**Devices as gifts this Christmas**

This Christmas, many children will be receiving tablets, phones, games consoles or games as gifts. If your child is receiving such an item this Christmas, please take the time to research it fully, ensure that it is being given with the correct settings and restrictions in place, and set ground rules with your child about how it can be used.

All sites and games have easy to find information online to help set them up correctly. Below are links for how to create child accounts for Apple and Google (Android) that are excellent if giving a phone or tablet this Christmas.

<https://www.apple.com/family-sharing/>

<https://families.google/familylink/>

**TikTok raising its livestreaming age**

TikTok have recently raised the age from which its users can livestream from 16 to 18. Similarly, they have also introduced a setting that allows streamers to only have their content viewed by other adults, rather than minors. While we still advise that no primary age children should have their own TikTok account, this highlights the importance of an account holder's date of birth being correct, as it could mean the content they view being inappropriate if it is incorrect.

Please take the time to read the two news articles below and to read the National Online Safety guide on TikTok.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-63262102>

<https://news.sky.com/story/tiktok-adding-adults-only-option-for-live-broadcasts-12723510>

Yours sincerely,

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