Online Safety Bulletin

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Online Safety Alphabet

- **G - Grooming**

Criminal activity of becoming friends with a child (especially online) in order to persuade the child to have a sexual relationship

- **H - Habbo**

A virtual gaming world aimed at children. Has had massive issues in the past with Online Safety.

Did you know?

Young people in the North East say that 'Thumbs Up' is their favourite emoji

In the news this month

Safer Internet Day: 70% of children want filters to protect them online

By Hannah Bouckley (BT, internetmatters.org) 06 February 2018

New research to mark Safer Internet Day 2018 has found that although nearly 7 out of 10 children aged 11-16 think parental controls are a good idea, 6 out of 10 parents don't set them.

The research conducted by online safety organisation Internet Matters, which is supported by BT, also found that a third of children think they should be aged 15 before they are able to go online without restrictions, while 24% think parental controls should only be taken away once they reach the age of 17.

Carolyn Bunting, CEO of Internet Matters, said parents can find technology overwhelming, which is why they might not apply parental controls. "Our new Set Up Safe guides are designed to show parents how to set parental controls, for a whole range of the most popular apps and devices, in a really clear and easy to follow way," she said.

"As ever, it's important parents remember this is just one of the tools in the online safety toolkit and parents need to ensure they are having regular, frank and open conversations with their children about their digital world to ensure they are staying safe online."

CEO of BT Consumer Marc Allera, says BT is proud to support Safer Internet Day 2018. "We are committed to keeping families safe online and Safer Internet Day provides a key moment to inspire a national conversation about these important issues."

Tip of the Month

How to spot a "Fake News" story online

- Check for **quality** - if it is fake, it's more likely to have lots of spelling mistakes,.
- Check the **source** - has it come from a well known, official website.
- Check to see if **anyone else is reporting** the same story.
- Scroll down and **read what other people have commented** on the story.

Be smart on the internet