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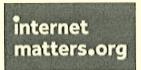
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#### Dear

As your Chorley's Member of Parliament I am acutely aware of the challenges schools face in ensuring children stay safe online, and I wanted to make sure you are aware of a great free online safety resource. **Internet Matters**, who already provide many resources for parents on their website <u>www.internetmatters.org</u>, has developed a new resource hub specifically for education professionals that provides access to a range of resources to support schools with this challenge.

The hub provides a one-stop shop for schools giving access to a range of resources that include a communications pack for use with parents, and recommended providers of whole school programmes, classroom resources, policy documents and training programmes.



# **Parent Communications Pack:**

This provides your school with a range of resources designed to help schools talk to parents about online safety. Research shows that schools are the most popular place for parents to seek help with online safety issues, and the Internet Matters website gives you a range of resources to help educate and inform parents. The Parent Communications Pack includes:

- Free apps to help parents talk about online safety
- Presentations for parents evening
- Downloadable age specific online safety guides
- Guides to social media
- Newsletters covering topical issues
- Posters & banners for use in school or on your website

#### School resources:

To site has information packs and posters available at:

- Early Years page
- Primary school page
- Secondary school page

Access to a selection of recommended classroom resources & school programmes that cover a range of topical issues from the leading providers of online safety classroom resources.

#### **Policy & Training:**

Access to all relevant policy documents and links to providers of school training regarding online safety.



Internet Matters is supported by a number of organisations, including **Google**, who are also keen to support schools with the challenge of online safety.



# **Internet Legends**

Together with digital parenting experts ParentZone, Google have developed the **Internet Legends code** which gives primary schools a great way to educate younger children about online safety.

## **Google SafeSearch**

You can filter explicit search results on Google using the SafeSearch setting. SafeSearch isn't 100% accurate, but it helps you avoid explicit content. You can use SafeSearch as to help protect children from inappropriate search results on your phone, tablet, or computer. Simply go to Google search settings to turn it on.

### **YouTube Kids**

This app provides a safer YouTube experience for young people to watch their favourite programmes or explore anything that captures their imagination. It's free, simple to use and full of family-friendly videos. **Download it from Google Play or the App Store.** 

The internet provides a wealth of opportunities for children of today but as parents, carers, teachers and members of parliament we need to help equip children with the right tools and skills so we can ensure they are safe and smart online. Let's work together to get parents and children engaged in online safety.

Yours sincerely,

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