



Dear BVPS Parents and Carers,

This is the latest of a half-termly letter that we are sending home to keep you informed about online safety. At school we follow a program called 'I-Vengers'. This involves children from throughout school helping each other to keep up to date with the latest news. This term, I gave a talk about responsible phone use and how to stay safe safety online.



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We also subscribe to a newsletter from Alan Mackenzie. He always has lots of ideas to help keep everyone safe online. This month he has suggested the following websites: -

For Parents - Tips for Phone Use for Children

Following several incidents where children have struggled to use their phones safely and sensibly outside of school, I recently delivered an assembly to all junior age children. Most children said that they had access and use of a phone and this highlighted how important parental supervision is.

The NSPCC have some excellent guidance for this on their website, and I have added a link for this below. It is vitally important that phone use is monitored as our children are often not able to manage this unaided.





For Parents - What I Wish My Parents or Carers Knew

The Children's Commissioner has put together a fantastic guide for parents and carers. At around 26 pages it goes into a lot of depth including:

- Screen time.
- When bad things happen.
 - Artificial intelligence.
 - Conversation starters.
- Actions to take checklist.
 - And much more.

Download the [Children's Commissioner - What I wish my parents and carers knew guide](#), or scan the QR code below



For Parents - PlayStation Family App

The PlayStation Family App came out in Sept 2025 and it is a great way to help parents set up and manage their children's Gaming experience. Features include:

- Manage playtime.
 - Activity report.
- Visibility into what children are playing.
 - Approving playtime requests.

On this web page you will find detailed instructions to guide you through setting up a child account, get notified what game your child is playing in real time, approve or decline a request for extra playtime, apply content filters, privacy settings and more.



PlayStation Family™ App

Yours sincerely

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