



BRAMLEY VALE PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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I-Vengers Parent Newsletter Autumn 2 2025 - 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

This is the first 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 year's group, pictured below, gave a talk to the school on Tuesday about how to stay safe online.



Think U-Know



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 - A Guide to navigating Social Media Safely

This is a fantastic guide from the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH), it goes into lots of detail and I'm sure parents will find it interesting and useful. The guide goes into areas such as:

- How social media platforms and algorithms operate.
- The various types of harms that children may experience.
 - Practical advice and guidance.
 - Supporting resources.





For Parents - App Safety Settings

With the Online Safety Act now in force it's no surprise to see a lot of focus and scrutiny on tech companies, their features and safety settings being so prominent in the media, particularly safety settings failures. However, that shouldn't detract from the fact that safety settings are important; they're not perfect and never will be, but they are there for a reason. Here are a set of links to the safety settings for each of some popular apps. If you get this electronically, you can link straight to the app, otherwise see the QR code to go to the internet matters website where you can find the individual details.

- Discord app settings - [HERE](#).
- TikTok parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Snapchat parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Instagram parental controls - [HERE](#).
- Pinterest privacy and safety settings - [HERE](#).
- FaceTime privacy and safety settings - [HERE](#).
- WhatsApp privacy guide - [HERE](#).



For Parents – Second-Hand devices

Often when children get their first or subsequent devices, particularly mobile phones, it's a hand-me-down, for example when a parent gets a new device on contract. This can be a real positive as mobile devices are very expensive, and the latest/greatest devices often have very limited additional functionality over older devices. But it's important these devices are configured correctly for younger users. Thankfully Internet Matters have a full guide to help parents navigate all the different features and settings, plus how to choose the right second-hand device, safety concerns and much more.





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Yours sincerely

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