

1. Parents Presentation

The PowerPoint presentation given to the parents is available to view on the parents section of the Kidsmart website. There is also an audio version which can be watched and listened to which is slightly different.

www.kidsmart.org.uk

2. UK Government Advice for Schools

This website tells you the advice that the government gives to schools about what children email addresses, and school websites.

<http://safety.ngfl.gov.uk/schools/>

http://www.gridclub.com/home_page/hot_headlines/cyber.shtml

3. Filters and Safety Advice

This site reviews up to 140 different filtering tools, you can search according to your own criteria of what you want to block/control. If you select the privacy section, at the top of the page, you will get to some great 'how to' step by step tutorials showing exactly how to change the settings in your browser. There are video clips of two experts talking about safety issues which are worth watching.

www.getnetwise.org

To Use Internet Explorer's own content advisor, go to the Tools menu, and go to Internet Options, then you will see a Privacy and a Content section. You can change the settings there, but bear in mind that older children will be able to change these.

Also see the ICRA site, they have a content rating system for websites.

http://www.icra.org/_en/icraplus/

4. Parents Advice

The Parentsonline site is a government run website for parents for all to help them understand the role of the internet in children's education. Childnet have helped to develop the parent's content for them and they have a very comprehensive safety section.

www.parentsonline.gov.uk

www.netfamilynews.org

5. About Chat Danger

This website can be used for teenagers who perhaps don't take the risk of meeting up with online friends seriously. Go through them together and see what happened to one family.

www.chatdanger.com

6. Pop ups

If you visit <http://toolbar.google.com/> you will be able to download a toolbar that can stop popup appearing.

Another option is to Install a program called Adaware www.lavasoft.de Update the program and then run it, adaware will search your computer for all kinds of programs including Porn dialers, Internet explorer hijackers (these make you use their search engines and replace the starting page).

This following site was created by an individual who just hated advertising. Read the frequently asked questions to see what he offers and why. You can download a file which will help reduce the amount of popups you see and any adverts that you do not want your children to see.

http://www.accs-net.com/hosts/get_hosts.html

The zip file contains instructions on how to use the file. Please read them a couple of times if you are not sure of what you are doing.

** Childnet has not yet tested these tools so please seek further technical advice before installing them if you are not sure.*

7. Blocking Racists and Hate Content

The anti defamation league helps fight anti semitisms, extremism and hate. They have a free filter which you can download call the 'hate filter' which protects children from known hate sites. They also have a section called 'A Parents Guide To Hate On The Internet'

www.adl.org

8. Inaccurate Content

The following website has a useful checklist to check if whether a website is likely to be credible. You can go through it with you children. Also see the Parentsonline website for advice on this, (click on the parents panel)

www.quick.org.uk

8. Mobile Phones

We are not aware of any blocks or filters for mobile content, whether that be text messages or mobile internet sites. You should talk to you mobile phone service provider and see what parental controls they offer if any. This is an issue especially for chat services which are already available on most handsets. Childnet are working with the mobile operators to see what we can do to protect children in this area.