

Online safeguarding for parents in 30 minutes

Peter Cowley
Lead Adviser for Online Services and Safety

Online safeguarding

Protecting their kit

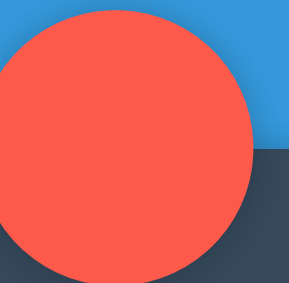
Apps we're worried about

Protecting their kit

Apps, smartphones and tablets

Games consoles

Home broadband



Protecting their kit



Set the parental safeguards *before* they get near it!

Setting parental safeguards on your child’s kit

If you’re viewing this on a screen, tap (or click) the appropriate icon below.
If you’re looking at this on paper, point your phone’s camera at the appropriate QR code and tap the link that appears.

Follow the instructions on the website exactly, in particular setting the age of the child.
We recommend you set the device not to allow *any* apps or games to be installed without your permission.
Protect your settings with a strong password that is not known to the child.



achieving
for children

v1.3 12/20

Protecting their kit

Set the parental safeguards before they get near it!

Heed the minimum age ratings on video games and apps.

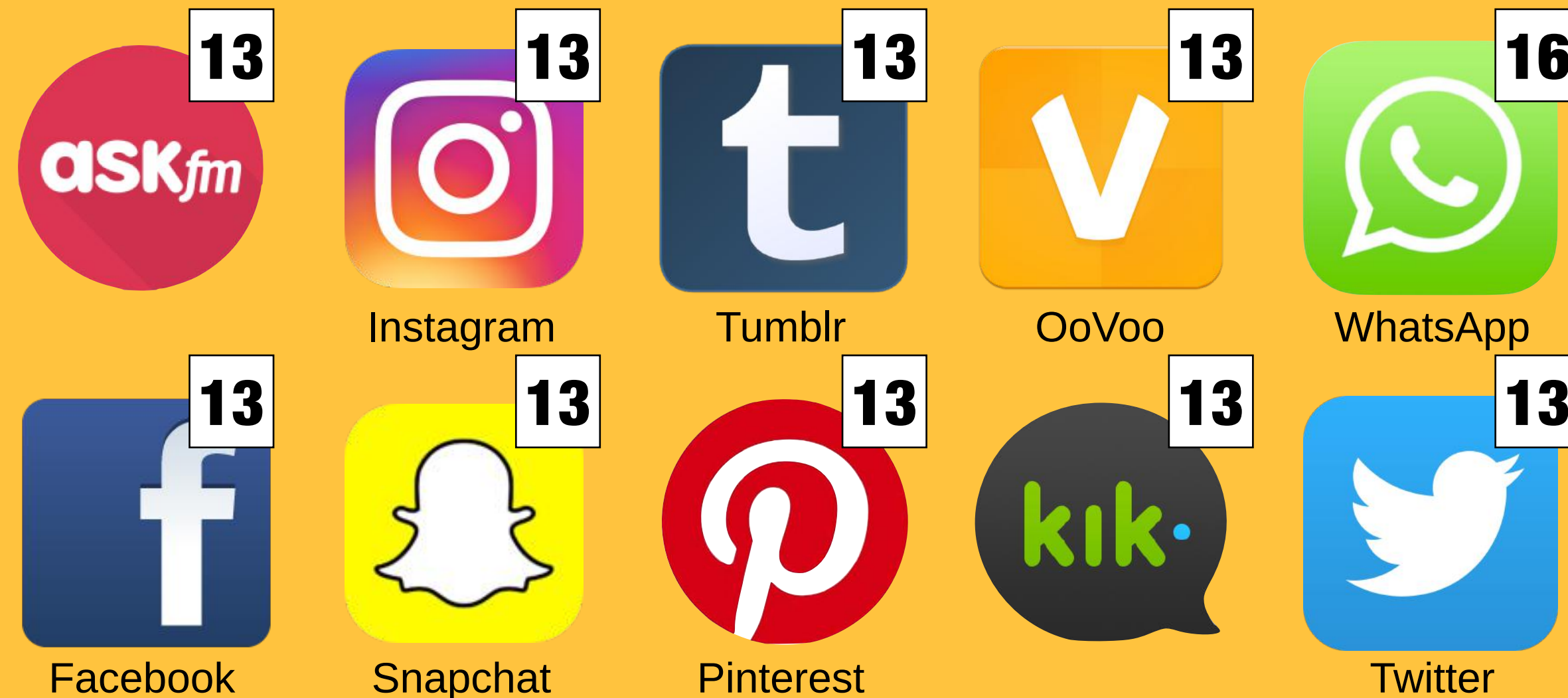


Protecting their kit

Set the parental safeguards before they get near it!

Heed the minimum age ratings on video games and apps.

Be guided by the age ratings for other apps and games.



Your guide to social networks, apps and games

e. g. Snapchat

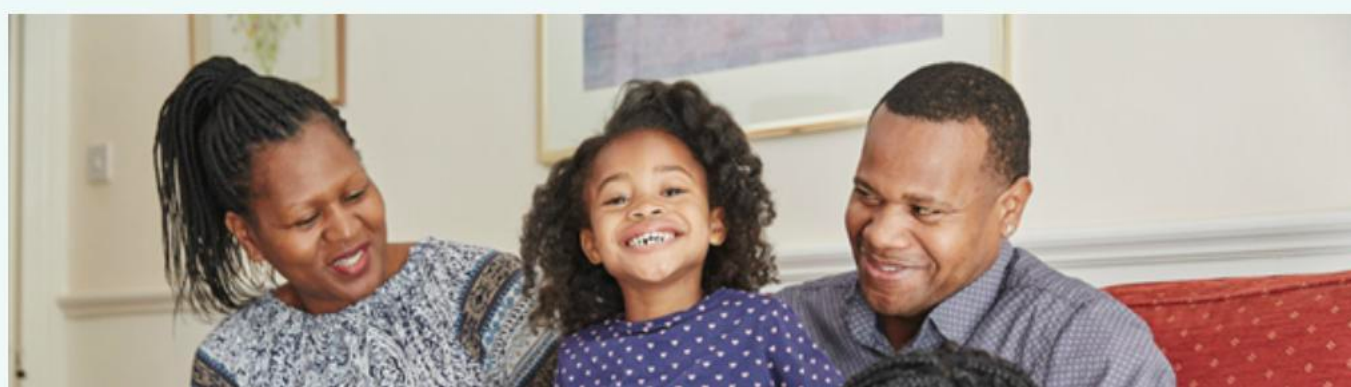


View all social networks, apps and games >

Watch our video about Net Aware

Latest

Trending



15 AUGUST 2019

What's new on Net Aware?

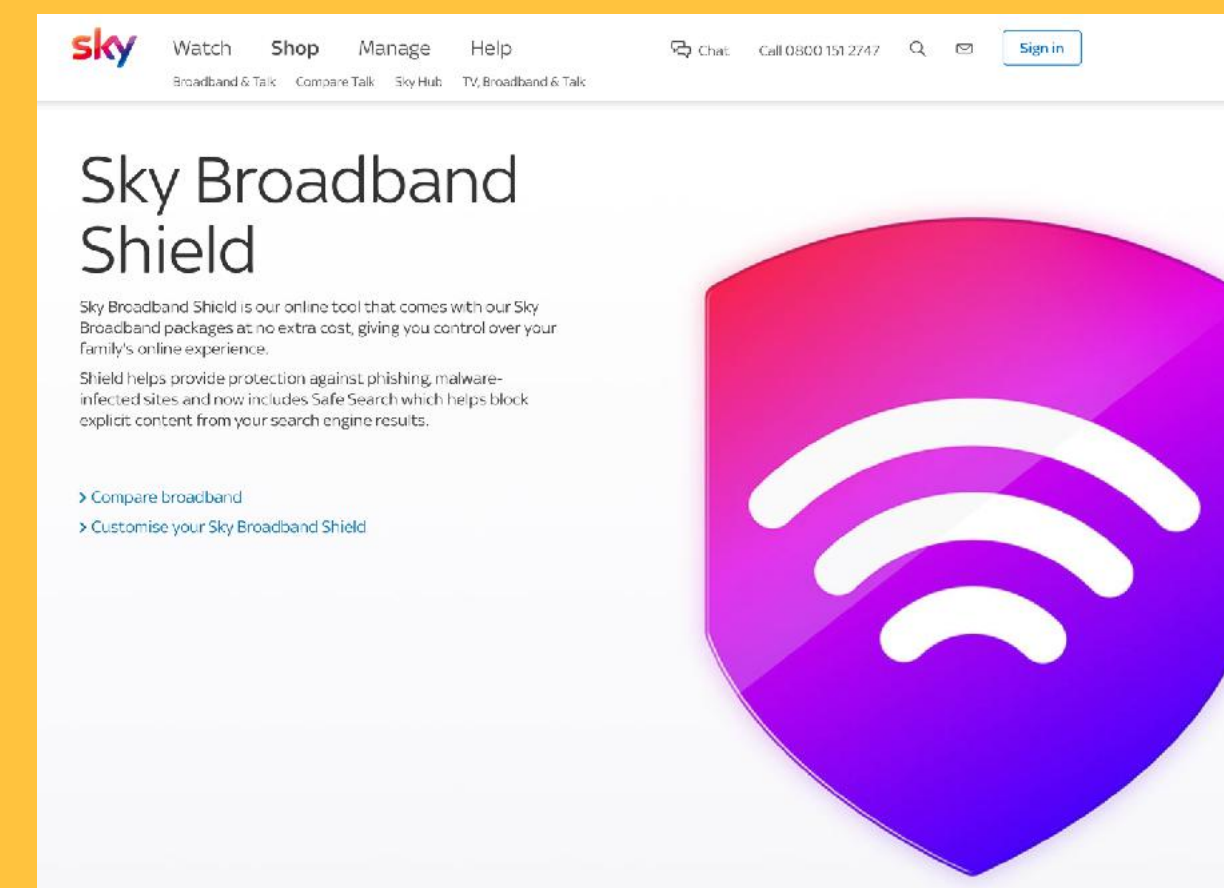
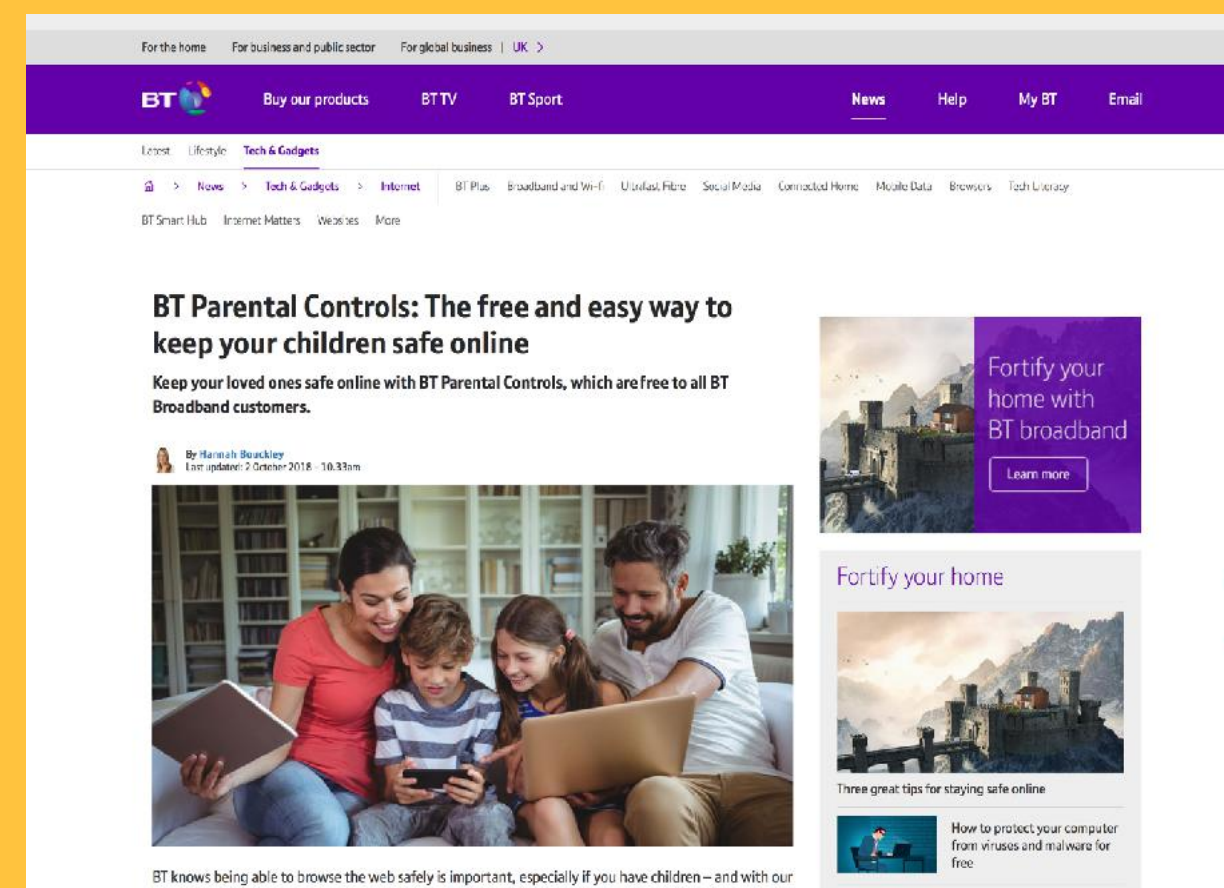
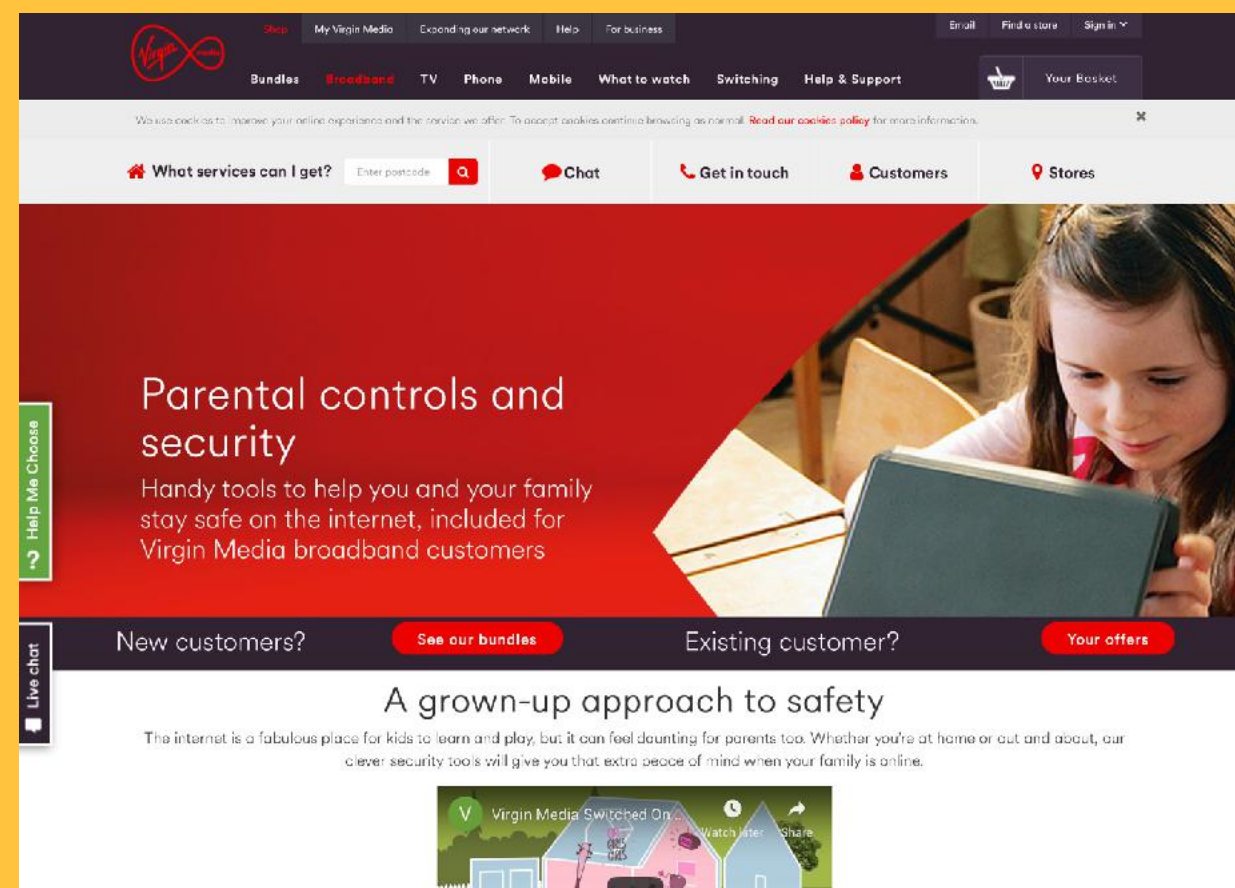
Protecting their kit

Set the parental safeguards before they get near it!

Heed the minimum age ratings on video games and apps.

Be guided by the age ratings for other apps and games.

Install web filtering but don't rely on the network provider alone.



Protecting their kit

Set the parental safeguards before they get near it!

Heed the minimum age ratings on video games and apps.

Be guided by the age ratings for other apps and games.

Install web filtering but don't rely on the network provider alone.



Apps update: TikTok



TikTok

- More than 1 in 10 of the world's population is on TikTok
- 13+ of course
- Almost half of 8–12s are on it (Ofcom, 2020)
- Fancy a "Rainbow Puke" or a "Drama Queen"?
- Gifting has been misused to coerce young people into doing things they otherwise wouldn't do

Apps update: TikTok



TikTok

- More than 1 in 10 on TikTok
- 13+ of course
- Almost half of
- Fancy a "Raink



Apps update: TikTok

Do their **parents** always know who they're talking to?



TikTok

- New parental restrictions
 - Restrict who can see their profile
 - See what videos they're liking
 - Restrict what they can search for
- Useless if the parent can't control the account or is unaware of another one





WhatsApp



- 16+ mainly because you can't prevent contact from strangers
- Anyone who has your phone number can add you to any group
- End-to-end encrypted
- Phone number visible to all group members
- New disappearing messages feature presents a safeguarding and bullying risk

- Live streaming apps
- Connected to random strangers
- Highly sexualised content
- 18+ but no verification (Monkey is rated PG on Google Play store)
- Parental safeguards...



BIGO LIVE



- Rated 4+ but some content is 17+
- Includes Star Channel
- Parental controls only relevant if the parent installed the app and activates them
- Group Watch allows others to be invited in



In summary

Set the parental controls on their devices – and check their app settings.

Make sure they're adequately supervised when online.

Try not to go over the top if a mishap occurs. If they think you will, they won't tell you if something is worrying them.

Model good behaviour – build their digital resilience.

Make sure they know what to do if they get that "uh-oh" feeling.

Thanks for listening.

Peter Cowley

Lead Adviser for Online Services and Safety

Achieving for Children

peter.cowley@achievingforchildren.org.uk

