



# Ashley Junior School

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## **SAFETY - SAFETY - E-SAFETY - SAFETY - SAFETY**

As a school the safety of our pupils is of paramount importance. Collectively we have a responsibility to ensure our whole school community is safe and free from harm. Often that can be difficult especially in the complex online world we all live in and we must strive to work together to ensure we achieve our aims.

My advice is simple. Please ensure that you do monitor your child's internet usage and engage with your child about the games and apps that they are using. To assist you in this I have signed up to a suite of training resources for parents, carers and teachers. You can access and register for free at the following address: <https://lms.nationalonlinesafety.com/school/AshleyJS>

Please ensure that you watch the videos and download the resources that are available to you, these range from Youtube to Fortnite and include Like Online, TikTok and many many more. One of which is "7 Conversation Topics"; a handy guide that will enable you to ask pertinent questions of your child about their online activities. Also, please look at the age ratings which are very important. I think you might be surprised how few online social media sites are recommended for our children's age ranges.

Please also visit my e-safety page on our website where there are many helpful tips and useful pieces of information including a monthly National Online Safety Video. I update this at least once a week. This week for instance I am focusing on LootBoxes and Skin Betting. Much is written in the media about online gaming, gambling and "skin" betting. These terms can be confusing as they mean different things in different contexts. Online gaming has historically meant gambling websites with cards, slot machines and roulette. More recently, as we are discussing here, online gaming has also come to mean video games you play over the internet. In this guide, we discuss what parents and carers need to know about in-game purchases such as loot boxes, and the dangers that surround "skin" betting. Plus 8 Things to know about Kids Youtube. Did you know for instance that although children of all ages often watch YouTube content directly via the website or main YouTube app, YouTube itself states that the only place children should be watching its videos is in the YouTube Kids app.

Please check out my e-safety page - why not take a look this weekend?

<http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/e-safety-for-parents/>

I thank you in advance for your continued vigilance and as always please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any help or advice.

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