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[**Online Safety**](http://www.st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk/online-safety/)

The online world offers amazing opportunities but also brings elements of potential risk and for Parents & Carers, making sense of the online world can appear to be an enormous challenge.  Unlike previous generations, the online environment is an integral part of children’s lives and therefore we can no longer consider their wellbeing or safety without also considering their relationship to technology.  However, staying safe online is fundamentally about behaviours rather than the technology itself and if approached from this perspective, we can begin to gain confidence to support our children.

The links below provide some useful tips and a a variety of resources which can be used to develop the knowledge and the confidence to support children and young people when discussing the online environment with them.

NSPCC - Share Aware

Risk Area: Social Media

NSPCC have teamed up with O2 to provide 'Share Aware' - a set of resources to support Parents and Carers with advice and guides about the variety of Social Networks our children use. Access to Share Aware can be found through the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

[**Digital Parenting Magazine**](https://parentzone.org.uk/system/files/attachments/Digital%20Parenting%206%20NEW.pdf)

Digging into Minecraft Risk Area: Online Gaming

Despite having been around for a number of years, a regular topic of questions from Parents and Carers continues to be around the immensely popular game Minecraft. As referred to in the Focus On... section, this resource has been developed to help inform Parents & Carers about what Minecraft is, why it remains so popular and what things we can do that will help our children to stay safe whilst having fun.

You can find the article in the [Focus On...](http://www.lancashiresafeguarding.org.uk/online-safeguarding/focus-on.aspx) section of the site or download the standalone resource here: [Focus On...Digging into Minecraft](http://www.lancashiresafeguarding.org.uk/media/35066/Focus-OnDigging-into-Minecraft_3617.pdf)

Looking for a way to start that all-important conversation about social media, gaming and other online activities with your son or daughter? Check out the latest issue of Digital Parenting magazine now.