



Co-op Academy
Stoke-on-Trent



Online Safety Newsletter

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Returning to school:

Children are now beginning to return to school, but it is not school as they used to know it. As fast as they were plunged into lockdown, students will now be dealing with new school routines, rules, classrooms, teachers, classmates, and for some students even new schools. Here are eight ideas to make their transition easier if your child is returning or preparing to return to the school.

<https://parentinfo.org/>

#OnlineSafety AtHome

The next ThinkuKnow #OnlineSafetyAtHome pack about Live Streaming is now available. You can download your packs here:

- [11-13s](#)
- [14+](#)

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

Online Grooming Risk

Apps and games that include chat facilities may increase the risk of online grooming as these online chat features can be used by people to build a relationship with your child. Some games have the option to turn off the chat depending on the age of your child, and turning off this chat feature could be the safest option for your child whilst they are playing online games .

In addition, take the time to go online with your child, to see what and who they are playing with. A good way to do this is to ensure your child uses technology in family areas only.

Look at and review what games your children are playing and check the age rating (PEGI rating). Think about and consider if your child should be playing that game?

What can you do?

You can talk to your child about the following points:

- Do they know how to block and report players?
- Explain to your child about not accepting friend requests from people they don't know.
- Remind them that they should not share any personal information online and using a pseudonym (a fake name instead of their real name)
- Talk to your child and explain that they should be very wary of anybody who offers to buy them gifts or encourages them to keep anything secret

If you are worried that your child is being groomed online or if you think that somebody has tried to groom your child then you can report this to CEOP.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting>



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Roblox is now one of the world's most popular video games with users mostly between the ages of nine and 15. Roblox gives players the opportunity to play, build and create games.

Roblox is available on a range of devices including PC, Mac, iOS, Android, Amazon Devices and Xbox One. But whilst it offers a variety of interactive entertainment it has been highlighted in the news on a few occasions due to its safety.

Below is some helpful information to help what parents and carers know more Roblox and help you to ensure your child is safe when playing it.

What should you be aware of?

Blocking users and reporting

Roblox provides the ability to block users as with most online games, so if a user is harassing or bullying them or acting inappropriately, ensure your child knows how to block them.

Chat Feature

All players in Roblox can chat to each other, click on the link on the right to see how you can add parental controls to turn the chat feature off or to add restrictions.

Virtual Currency

Roblox is a free to download application but a recent feature is that players can buy virtual currency called 'Robux' to purchase accessories or upgrades. Make sure that your card details are not saved if you don't want your child to purchase virtual currency.

Account PINs

To prevent your child making any changes to the account that you have set up then you can set up a 4 digit Account PIN.

Roblox support

For parents:

[https://
corp.roblox.com/
parents/](https://corp.roblox.com/parents/)

Further information about Grooming:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/briefings/grooming>

<https://parentinfo.org/article/what-you-need-to-know-about-online-grooming>