

Welcome to the February 2021 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents

Misleading Content (Fake News)

Latest research from UK Safer Internet Centre identifies half of young people encounter misleading content (fake news) online every day!

62% of young people have had friend requests from people they don't know

Easy to read summary report [here](#)

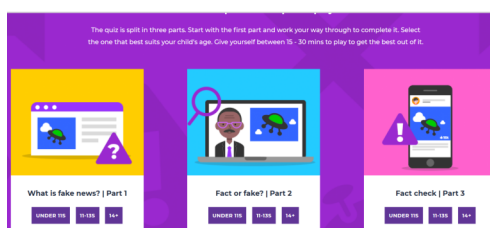
Read the full report [here](#)

Find out how to tackle misinformation (fake news) - explore [Internet Matters](#) fake news and misinformation advice hub.

Learn:

- more about what fake news is
- how to protect your child from it
- how to deal with it if they have been affected by it

Take the 'age-appropriate' [quiz](#) with your child to test their knowledge of fake news and misinformation



Do you know the gambling-like risks of Online Gaming?

What is a loot box?

What does F2P mean?

What is skin gambling?

Find out the answers to the above questions and more by visiting [Parent Zone](#)

[Parent Zone](#) and [GambleAware](#) have partnered to help families:

- learn about gambling-like risks children may face playing online games
- practical steps parents and carers can do to keep gaming fun (but safer)

Review a short video and find out more [here](#) including:

- Top Tips
- Glossary
- Quiz
- FAQs



Want to speak to someone about gambling?

If you are looking for help, advice or support in relation to your or someone else's gambling, please go to [BeGambleAware.org](#) or contact the National Gambling Helpline on 0808 8020 133

HELP IN THE HOLIDAYS!

Remember **FREE** advice is just a phone call away from the O₂ and NSPCC helpline **0808 800 5002**
Childline **0800 1111**

Have you heard of MeWe ?

Recommended Age 16+

MeWe is a free social networking app in direct competition with Facebook.



Registration is via email or phone number.

Contains:

- optional in-app purchases, including a new dark theme,
- emoji packs
- unlimited voice and video chat

Users can:

- share their locations within the app
- use privacy settings to limit contact and chat requests

Find out more and read review by [CommonSense Media](#)

Internet Matters—Inclusive Digital Safety

What is Inclusive Digital Safety?

Visit [Internet Matters](#) Inclusive Digital Safety advice hub and discover advice for parents and carers including:

- Supporting children with SEND online
- Supporting a care experienced child online
- Tackling Online Safety issues
- Accessing free resources
- Setting up devices safely
- Balancing screentime



Review the short video on [Inclusive Digital Safety](#) and download the [guide](#)

Online Safety and Coronavirus

The Coronavirus pandemic has changed young people's lives dramatically with children spending more time at home and online.

The [NSPCC](#) has lots of help/advice and guidance for parents and carers to help talk children and young people about:

- Staying safe online
- Apps and sites they may be using
- Using social media safely
- Livestreaming
- Screentime

Book a free online safety webinar

The NSPCC are offering free webinars for groups of parents and carers.

Delivered by experienced NSPCC staff, topics covered include:

- understanding the risks and benefits of being online for children
- practical things you can do to help your children stay safe online
- knowledge of the tools and resources that can help you.

If you'd like to organise a webinar on behalf of a group, please email: parentworkshops@nspcc.org.uk