Has your child had a new device?

Many children will receive new devices for birthdays, Christmas and to upgrade older equipment so this is a reminder of some resources that are available to help you to keep them safe.

Each games console, tablet, phone, etc. has different settings and so it can be confusing to know how to set up each device with safety controls but there are helpful guides available to support you with this.

The 'Internet Matters' website has instructions for a wide range of devices which you can choose from a drop-down menu (scroll down the page to find them).
https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

One key measure to think about is where in the house children are using their devices; it's much easier to keep them safe if they are nearby. Also, if their device is fitted with a camera, do they always use it in a public space?

Bear in mind that talking to your child about what they are doing online is the best thing you can do to help keep them safe. There are some great ideas to get you started here:
https://www.childnet.com/resources/my-life-online-conversation-guide/

The NSPCC has some fantastic advice on keeping your children safe, and is well worth exploring:
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

The CEOP website provides family activity sheets which have a selection of short conversation starters, practical tips, and fun tasks to do as a family.
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/home-activity-worksheets/

As ever, if you have any questions or we can help in any way, please contact Mrs Maynard (Online Safety Co-ordinator) or Miss Leather (Safeguarding Lead).