

Five useful articles on how to help keep your children safe online over the summer

Help for parents to engage with their child's online activities over the summer holidays. These articles have been kindly reproduced from the [thinkuknow.co.uk](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) website, created by education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command

[1. Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/)
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Many children will be spending time gaming online over the summer holidays. This article explores the different elements of gaming with a particular focus on how it can be used by offenders but focusing on what parents can do to support their child while gaming.

[2. Sharing pictures of your child online](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children)
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Lots of parents love sharing photos of their children with friends and family, particularly when they are on holiday or starting the new school year. A recent report found that 42% of young people reported that their parents had done this without asking their permission. Our article helps parents to protect their child while staying social.

[3. Keeping your under 5s safe online](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online)
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Whether it's watching videos, playing games on their devices or talking to Alexa - today's under 5s are spending more time online. In this article we look at the benefits of children accessing the internet, and share advice about how parents can make sure their child has a safe experience online.

[4. Live streaming: responding to the risks](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/live-streaming-responding-to-the-risks)
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Many children enjoy live streaming as it can be used to showcase talent, develop communication skills and create identity. Our article helps parents to understand why children love it, what the risks can be, and how they can help their child stay safe if they are live streaming.

[5. Using parental controls](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls)
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Parental controls are a great tool for helping to protect children but should not replace open and honest conversations with children about their life online. Share these tips on how to use parental controls effectively.