

# Online Safety Newsletter

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## SAFER SCHOOLS

The online world can be a bit overwhelming at times but it is important we understand what our children are doing online so we can help make them safer. The Safer Schools App aims to help with this.

At the Forge we are delighted to partner with Safer schools and we would like to invite you to download our Safer Schools App.

Your child will be using the student version of the app throughout the year. In the past it has proven to be a useful source of information about the online world and how to navigate it safely.

See the attached instruction sheet to download it.

## Social Media Guides

The UK Safer Internet Centre have a Social Media Hub on their website that provides advice about the more popular social media platforms. For each app, it states their age requirement, the safety tools and advice available, the app's terms and conditions as well as links to further resources and advice from the UK Safer Internet Centre themselves. So, if you would like to find out more about the likes of Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat, then this hub is a great starting point:

[Saferinternet.org.uk - Social Media Guides](https://saferinternet.org.uk/social-media-guides)

## Nude selfies

CEOP have published an article answering the questions that they get asked regularly regarding young people taking and sharing revealing pics of themselves, such as "is it illegal to send nude selfies?".

You can find the article here:

[Thinkuknow - 7 questions parents ask about nude selfies](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/7-questions-parents-ask-about-nude-selfies/)

## SETTING PARENTAL CONTROLS

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a guide for parents on using parental controls to keep your child safe.

Parental controls protect children from inappropriate content online, such as pornography, age restricted apps, or other adult content. These controls can be used in various ways - to help ensure that children access only age-appropriate content, to set usage times, to monitor activity, or to help prevent in-app purchases.

[UK Safer Internet Centre - A guide to parent controls](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents/parental-controls)



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## STEP 1

Search 'Safer Schools'

## STEP 2

Open the App & enter the name of **your school**:

Ormiston Forge Academy

## STEP 3

Your entry code is:

7675



Download today on:



Safer Schools Partnership in England, Scotland, Wales and the IOM is a partnership between Zurich Municipal and Ineqe Safeguarding Group

## About the App

The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them both at school and at home. Through their log-in, your children get access to information that is relevant to them and you will receive tips and advice on how to keep them safer online.

**Excited? Ready to make your children safer?**

**Download the Safer Schools App now!**



*Make sure to enable push notifications to keep up-to-date with our tips, advice and guidance on how to make your children safer.*

## Download and Login Instructions

### STEP 1

Search 'Safer Schools' and download the App.



### STEP 2

When you open the Safer Schools App, you will be presented with the login screen. Here you will see your two options for accessing the App - numeric or QR.

#### 1) Scan the QR Code

First, tap the "Scan QR Code" button (...or just Scan QR on Android...).

Hold your device so the QR code appears in your camera view (you may need to give permission for the App to use the camera). When it scans the code, you will be logged in!



#### 2) Using the Numeric Code

In the "Select your school" section, choose your organisation from the dropdown list and click 'continue'.

Next, simply enter the 4-digit access entry code for your role within the school (parent/carer, staff or pupil).

