

PGHS Online Safety Newsletter

LIVE STREAMING

In a recent survey carried out by Ofcom it was reported that six in ten children aged 3-17 (57%) used live streaming platforms to watch online content. A much lower proportion of children streamed their own videos in real time for others to watch (15%). The research found that the platforms used most to watch live streams were YouTube and TikTok.

(Data source: Ofcom Children and Parent: media use and attitudes report 2022)

The NSPCC has published guidance to help parents/carers understand some of the risks associated with both live streaming and watching live stream channels. Once content has been livestreamed, there is the risk that videos are saved and re shared without permission. It's possible for strangers to make contact with a child about their livestreamed content and start a grooming process. You can access the latest guidance from the NSPCC using the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/livestreaming-online-video-apps>

ASKING THE AWKWARD **'TALK LITTLE. TALK OFTEN. ASK THE AWKWARD.'**

(CEOP) Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) has put together guidance on 'Asking the Awkward', and this includes talking about teenagers their social or romantic online lives!

For many young people, and adults, the online world is an essential component in starting, continuing and ending a romantic relationship! There are short films that you can watch with your child to help start conversations. The introduction to Asking the Awkward helps you to prepare for regular conversations with your child about online relationships and related topics. It also offers advice on how to keep conversations positive and what to do if your child tells you something that worries you.

Use the link below to access the materials:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/ask-theawkward-a-parent--carers-intro.pdf>

If you have concerns or questions about online safety make contact using the email link below:

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