

PGHS Online Safety Newsletter

LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming has become a popular feature of many apps and platforms. By understanding why it is popular and what your child may come across, parents and carers can help children have a more positive online experience. There are several factors that can make watching or creating live streams potentially harmful for children and young people including:

Content - If they're watching other people's live streams, children could be exposed to age-inappropriate content, including sexual or violent content.

Offensive comments - If a young person's live stream is open to the public, viewers may be able to leave negative or inappropriate comments on feeds.

Inappropriate contact - There can be hundreds, potentially thousands, of people watching a live stream, including people who might be looking to hurt or exploit children and young people. In order to manipulate children, these people may attempt to trick them into engaging in sexual activity, flatter them with positive comments or gifts, or make threats to try to force them to do things they don't want to do.

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) has published a short guide with practical steps and conversation starters to help children stay safer while live streaming.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? LUCY FAITHFULL FOUNDATION

'A guide for parents of children and young people who have got into trouble online'

The guide has been created for parents and carers who find their child is engaged in worrying inappropriate or illegal behaviour online.

The guide is designed to answer some of the immediate questions you may have after learning about something that is happening, or has happened, in your child's online life. It offers guidance on how to talk with your child about it and help prevent it happening again.

Parents can call The Lucy Faithful Foundation Helpline at any time on 0808 1000 900 and speak with experienced operators. All calls are completely anonymous. The link to the guide can be found below;

[https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/files/LFF%20ELC%20Resource%20Pack%20for%20Parents MAY 21.pdf](https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/files/LFF%20ELC%20Resource%20Pack%20for%20Parents%20MAY%2021.pdf)

If you would like further information and support about online safety please drop an email to the address below

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