

## **Summer Holidays**

As the summer break approaches children will have more free time and may choose to spend more time accessing social media. As a school we are keenly aware that young people nationally can be vulnerable in terms of accessing unsuitable materials and making connections with others they do not know. On the school website, there is a whole section outlining how to set parental controls and keep the internet at home safe and other aspects of online safety.

<https://www.penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk/parents3/online-safety/online-safety-newsletters/>

The National Online Safety App provides excellent information for parents and carers, is regularly updated and can be found on the Appstore and Google Play.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

## **Artificial Intelligence**

Artificial intelligence is probably *the* hot topic in technology circles right now, with questions being raised worldwide about how AI might impact on future life. In the short term, however – definitely as far as its impact on young people is concerned – the clearest risk is almost certainly the AI-powered ‘virtual friends’ which are springing up all over the internet.

There’s Replika and Kuki, for instance, while Snapchat has recently got in on the act with My AI – and search engines like Bing and Google have developed their own versions. Attached below is some advice for parents and carers about the use of Artificial Intelligence and chatbots.

If you have any further queries or concerns please email [s.hall@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.hall@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk).