

Online Safety Video Transcript

Welcome to the first QE Online Safety video and thank you for taking the time to listen! Over the next 5 to 10 minutes I will provide you with some updates on the world of online safety, give some hints and tips and selfishly point you in the direction of my Google Form for providing feedback.

Intro to National College

- you have an account to the National Online Safety section as a Parent/Carer
- Where to find the guides - scroll down or click on LIBRARY

First thing to talk about is the school's subscription to National College and more specifically, National Online Safety. This website is a big hub of information that parents can access for free. I will explain more about how to access your account later on in the video but you need to know that you have to request an account. Once you have logged in you will find this page and can then access the library of guides and webinars. --- As you can see, there is so much to read about. I think the key thing to know is that if you are not sure about a particular issue, you can come here to learn more about it in case you need that info later down the line to discuss with your child. So, let's choose one to dive into now....Microtransactions.

Microtransactions guide

- Very common in all forms of gaming - console or mobile
- Enhances addiction
- Financial risks
- Links to gambling harms (loot boxes)

I can imagine that as a parent it is a big exercise in trust that your child will use the internet and gaming safely. One element of gaming that can be quite costly is Microtransactions. An example of this would be Roblox. This online game lets young people enter virtual shops and games. If they want to buy anything they need to use Robux, an in game currency which can be bought with real world money. The risks are real - lots of money can be spent without a young person realising it has built up, addiction levels can start or increase and young people can create harmful gambling behaviours. Another example of this would be Loot Boxes which have been made famous on FIFA/EAFc.

NOS Monthly Update

- News updates from around the world

I would definitely recommend National Online Safety's monthly updates if you like a bit of Online Safety related news! Because, well, who doesn't! Each month they pick out some new stories related to apps or big companies. Again, one for parents as it could highlight potential issues that need to be addressed with children and young people.

Internet Matters resource pack taster

- Safety tips for 11-13 year olds
- Safety checklist
- Talking

- Screen time
- Dealing with cyberbullying

Ok, next up is some help with a variety of online safety topics. Internet Matters is an excellent website for parents. They have lots of advice for parents, some of which have been handily turned into a PDF, and I have downloaded a few of these for you to have a look at if you'd like. My email address will be on the screen at the end of the video but I will also upload to the website once the update for it has happened.

YGAM

- Charity to support young people with gambling and/or gaming addiction
- Staff training
- Resources to share with students and parents - hub space to view and download

We spoke earlier about microtransactions and how this could relate to gambling. I recently attended some training sessions with a charity called YGAM who support young people with gambling and/or gaming addiction. They have a parent hub which again supports parents and carers with this issue. You can view and download their resources. Once I have access I can make parents aware of the login details.

Google Form

- Share your views and contribute to QEGS Online Safety provision

So, last but hopefully not least! I recently sent out an Online Safety Term Letter with a link to a Google Form. I will be sending this out to parents again very soon so please keep an eye out. The last question on the form is for general feedback which is always well received and helps myself and the school to better coordinate how Online Safety is taught to students and how parents are informed. There is also a question about the National Online Safety account. If you would like one, pop your email address in and I will send an invite email to get you started.

Thanks for listening! I'll be back with another video next Term.