Suggested Websites for Families about Online Safety

Parent Info and Vodafone
This is a site that you can link to your school website, which is run by ParentZone and CEOP. It is a free service to schools and organisations that work in the fields of youth, health, alternative education, law enforcement, social care, charity and more. It provides articles and information around the whole area of online safety and is constantly being updated - so you don't have to! You will find full details about how to install and enable the features on the following link: https://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools

You may also be aware of the free digital parenting magazine that is produced by Vodafone - the latest edition is now available, and schools can order hard copies for every family in their school. If you'd like to order copies or find out more visit: https://www.vodafone.co.uk/digital-parenting-order-form/index.htm

They also have all their previous copies available online so you could put a link to these on your school website: https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting?ltpn=UK:UCMS:Homepage&ltsn=na&lts1=8&lts2=7&ltat=Digital_Parenting&ltad=4575

O2 and NSPCC
You may also like to look at the O2/NSPCC Online Safety Hub which is available to access online here: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/partner-with-us/nspcc-O2-online-safety-partnership/

We would also direct parents to Net Aware specifically for information about apps and games. This site is great for parents to share with their children, it is available here: Net Aware: Your guide to social networks, apps and games (net-aware.org.uk)

Other useful sites for parents (with specific sections/pages for children)

Childnet
Parents - https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers
Children and young people - https://www.childnet.com/young-people/primary

ThinkUKnow
Parents - https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/
Children and young people - 4-5s (thinkuknow.co.uk)
                                                6-7s: Homepage (thinkuknow.co.uk)
                                                Thinkuknow 8-10s

UK Safer Internet Centre

Parents - https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers
Young People - https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers
Grandparents - https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/grandparents
Foster and adoptive parents - https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/foster-carers-and-adoptive-parents

Additional sites that may be helpful:

Internet Matters – provides further information about apps (including recommendations for age-appropriate apps, information about the newest apps, specific categories of apps e.g. monitoring, wellbeing, decoy, live streaming apps etc.): Apps guide for parents | Internet Matters

National Online Safety – create parent/carer guides about all aspects of online safety (specific apps, events, behaviour, privacy and security settings etc.): E-safety Guides for Schools | National Online Safety

National Online Safety Parent Courses – these free courses are aimed at parents of children from different age groups (4-7, 7-11, 11-14 and 14-18). The courses consist of a video (which lasts approximately 5 minutes) then a short quiz to test your knowledge. They mainly focus on how children use the online world, how their behaviours change in the age group, what apps they may be using and specific safety measures to consider: Online Safety for Parents of Children Aged 4-7 | With Myleene Klass | National Online Safety

BBC Own it (Kids Explain section) – Short videos where the children explain online/gaming terms with their parents/carers (includes terms like "bae", "on fleek", "loot box" etc.): Kids Explain - Own It - BBC

NSPCC – parent support section and 'difficult conversations' page: Keeping children safe | NSPCC

Young minds (parent helpline): Young minds have a parent helpline which supports parents/carers who are concerns about their child's mental health (children up to the age of 25). There is a telephone helpline, an email service and a webchat: Parents Helpline - YoungMinds

Health for Kids (Nottinghamshire) – this site has a parent section and can be linked to the locality/county, it covers a whole host of 'health' issues/topics including how to keep your children safe online, managing screen time and things to think about when sharing images of your child online: The best possible start in life - Nottinghamshire - Parents: Health for Kids

Specific sites about reporting:

National Crime Agency, CEOP – to make a report about online abuse or the way someone has been communicating online : https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

Report Harmful Content – to make a report about any harmful content online (harmful content is anything online which causes a person distress or harm): Report Harmful Content - We Help You Remove Content

Internet Matters – has a parent page that supports parents to report issues that they or their children have come across online, it links to other recommended resources and sites. (The issues include cyberbullying, online grooming, inappropriate content,

privacy, sexting, online pornography and radicalisation). Report online issues to protect your child | Internet Matters