



Broadband set up

Have you set up appropriate settings on your broadband/Wi-Fi? Most broadband providers include parental controls for free as part of their broadband package, which means that any device that connects to your Wi-Fi will be protected by any controls you set up. Find out how to set yours up here:

Click the links to find more:

[Sky](#)

[BT](#)

[Talk Talk](#)

[Virgin](#)

Remember, children may have devices that use mobile data, so they won't always be connected to your wireless. Ensure you set up parental controls on these devices too.

Find further information [HERE](#).

Test Your Internet Filter

SWGfL have created a tool to test your filtering to give you an indication that your broadband is blocking certain categories.

Access it here:

<http://testfiltering.com/>



Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 7 February 2023

Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.

Safer Internet day 2023 will take place on the Tuesday 7 February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme:

‘Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online’.

At the Oak-Tree Group, we are celebrating by putting children and young people's voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to shape the online safety support they receive.

That is why we are asking parents, carers, teachers, government, policymakers, and the wider online safety industry to take time to listen to children and young people and make positive change together.

This year we are hoping to answer the following questions:

- What issues really matter to children and young people?
- What changes do they want to see?
- How can we all work together - to advocate for them moving forward?

Parents, with your help, Safer Internet Day 2023 can be a springboard for conversations that shape how we talk about and respond to online issues, not just for one day but throughout the year.



SAVE the DATE

Safer Internet Day

2023 | Tuesday
7 February

www.saferinternetday.org



Please speak to Mr Masood or Mrs Moon if you have any concerns.

Who are Andrew Tate and Drew Afualo?

Andrew Tate is an American-British former professional kickboxer turned internet personality. He is a self-described 'success coach' and has a subscription based online marketing programme called 'Hustler University' with over 100,000 subscribers.

Drew Afualo is a creator whose following skyrocketed from 1.5 million to its current 7.8 million status in less than 10 months. Drew has become a "crusader for women" by responding to men online who toss out unsolicited comments about people's bodies, archaic views about gender, or generally spread problematic opinions about marginalized groups of people. Although she is widely loved for this no-nonsense approach. Drew has received critiques about being too "mean" so, she recently explained why she has no problem with this label.

Tate has recently seen a rise in online notoriety due to a string of controversial comments and behaviours, such as:

Saying that rape victims put themselves "In a position to be raped" and "must bear some responsibility", claiming most do this for advancement in 'opportunity'.

Leaving the country amid rape allegations, suggesting it was 'easier to evade charges' and that it was 'probably 40% of the reason' he moved to Romania.

Claiming mental illness makes people 'weak' and that depression 'isn't real'.

Promoting gendered violence and misogyny on his podcast and post about relationships.

Why are children and young people interested in this?

These behaviours and more have led to his accounts being removed from social media platforms like Tik Tok, Facebook, and Instagram for violating policies on "dangerous organisations and individuals."

Glamorous lifestyle. Many of the influencers or personalities conveying these harmful behaviours appear to be sitting in the lap of luxury and fame. Some are actors, wealthy businessmen, even high-ranking political figures. These people seem successful, inspiring and confident in their beliefs.

Fast Fame. The controversial nature of these behaviours seems to automatically make unknown names into trending hashtags on social media platforms. In posts attached to these ideas, the sudden rise to fame is often addressed by thanking their followers for their 'loyal support'.

Isolation and loneliness. Children and young people who feel isolated, rejected, and ostracized are particularly vulnerable to this type of content. A newly discovered set of ideologies could make sense of their world while offering them a place of acceptance and friends.

Looking for advice. A topic or insecurity that a young person needs help with could inspire them to begin vulnerably searching for an answer on social media. Some these personalities claim to be motivational speakers and are lauded by those they have 'helped' with their wisdom and advice.

Keeping up with peers. Young people may seek out dangerous online personalities such as Andrew Tate, in a bid to appear 'informed' amongst friends or older siblings who might view this type of harmful content in a form of unhealthy entertainment.

Is YouTube Safe?

The NSPCC have produced this article discussing the risks associated with using YouTube and the safety settings and features that are available depending on how old your child is and what they do on YouTube.

[YOU CAN ACCESS THE ARTICLE HERE.](#)

TikTok Refresh

Parent Zone have worked with TikTok to produce a series about safety when using TikTok. You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>

Video Chatting

Does your child use a web cam or a device to video chat? Video calls are a very popular way in which people connect with each other, this could be using Facetime on an iPhone, video calling in WhatsApp or perhaps livestreaming on social media as an example. You should talk to your child about who they chat with and what they are sharing when they do. As with all apps and websites that your child accesses, make sure they know how to use any reporting tools and they know how to block other users if necessary. It is important that your child is aware that what they say and do whilst video chatting can be recorded and shared later without their knowledge.

Childnet have written this blog to help you learn more about video chat and webcams. It also contains tips on how to manage risks whilst online:

[READ THE BLOG](#)