



Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Keeping Our Children Safe in a Digital World – St. Gregory's Spotlight on Online Safety**

At St. Gregory's, we are passionate about helping our children flourish in every way—and that includes supporting them to navigate the online world safely, wisely, and confidently.

Technology offers our young people an exciting range of opportunities to learn, create and connect, and we are proud of the way our school is equipping children with the skills and understanding they need to thrive in the digital age.

#### **Online Safety in School**

A key part of this support is our *Computing Curriculum*, which this year has been enriched by *specialist teaching from Knowsley Computing professionals*. These expert-led sessions ensure that children receive high-quality, up-to-date education in how to use technology responsibly and safely. Online safety is also carefully woven through our *'Fullness of Life'* curriculum, which brings together *PSHE, RSE* and the many other strands that combine and promote our *pupils' personal development* and moral understanding—rooted in the values of love, respect and dignity.

#### **Parent Support – Parent Controls Booklet 202**

To complement this work in school, we're also committed to supporting families in managing technology at home. I'm pleased to share with you the Knowsley *Parental Controls Booklet 2025*, a practical and accessible guide to help you set up safety features on devices, apps and gaming platforms. Whether it's applying content filters, managing screen time, or supporting age-appropriate app use, this booklet empowers you to make informed decisions that protect your child while still embracing the many positives that digital tools can bring.

#### **Parent Support – Wider Online Safety Support**

In addition, please remember that our school website offers a dedicated *Online Safety page*, which is regularly updated with helpful resources and advice: <https://www.stgregorysprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=54>. Each month, we also send out an *Online Safety Newsletter* via ParentApp, sharing tips and updates to keep you informed. The July edition will be sent separately alongside this letter.

All of this becomes especially important as we approach the summer holidays, when children often have more free time and may spend longer on devices. By working together—school and families—we can help our children enjoy the best of what technology offers, while staying safe, supported, and rooted in the values we cherish as a school community.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership in keeping our children safe.

Warmest regards,

**Mr Joseph Perree**

Headteacher

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# Online Safety

St. Gregory's Online Safety Coordinator is Mrs Povey, supported by Mr Perree. If you are concerned or would like to seek further advice, please feel free to browse through the links below for specific digital support. Alternatively, you can book an appointment with Mrs Povey or Mr Perree via our school office.

Our Designated and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders are Mr Perree (DSL/HT), Miss Connolly (DDSL/DHT) and Miss Brown (DDSL).

The children of St Gregory's are taught about how to stay safe using a wide variety of technology including computing devices, mobile phones & gaming stations. Pupils are made aware of how to keep both themselves and others safe and not give away any personal information which may form part of a larger 'jigsaw'. As a school, we also explore the effects of Cyber bullying, raising awareness of its dangers and what they can do if they become, or they suspect a friend has become, a victim of cyber bullying. In addition to the many implicit opportunities taken by staff, each year the whole school takes part in an Online Safety week, which provides additional opportunities for more focused teaching of Online Safety, culminating in a 'Share, Celebrate and stay Online Safe!' assembly at the end of the week.

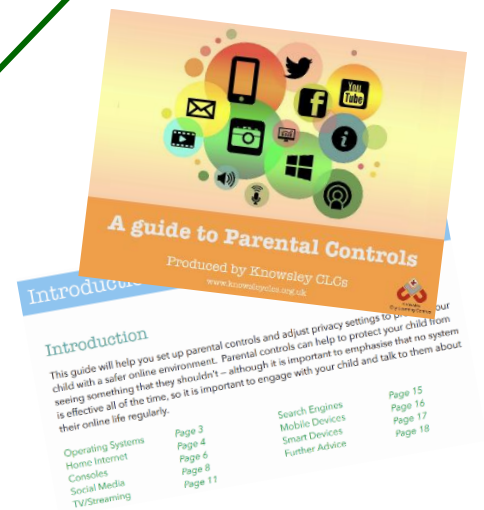
We publish monthly Online Safety newsletters, in collaboration with Knowledge City Learning Centres, which provide expert-informed overviews and tips. These are accessible through the tab on the right of this page.

Our #WakeupWednesday initiative, through collaboration with National Online Safety, shared regular information posters for families to help in a wide range of areas involving technology. Please keep an eye on the school bulletin and app for any additional messages which are shared throughout the year.

## In This Section

- #WakeupWednesday Guides & Support for Families
- CEOP - Parent Guidance
- Internet Matters - Parent Guidance
- Monthly Online Safety Newsletters
- Parent Controls Booklet 2025
- Think U Know - Parent Guidance

Please see the 'In This Section' tab for further support and a wide variety of useful parent support guides.



## Monthly Online Safety Newsletters

Welcome to our Monthly Online Safety Newsletters page. Each month, we share a newsletter packed with up-to-date guidance, practical tips, and important information to help keep our pupils safe online. These newsletters are adapted from the expert resources provided by Knowsley City Learning Centres, ensuring our school community stays informed about the latest trends, risks, and advice in the ever-changing digital world. Whether you're a parent, carer, or another education professional, we invite you to explore each edition and join us in supporting safe and responsible online behaviour.

- Online Safety Newsletter Primary, July 2025, St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School
- Online Safety Newsletter Primary June 2025, St. Gregory's Catholic Primary
- Online Safety Newsletter Primary May 2025, St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School
- Online Safety Newsletter April 2025, St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



## #WakeupWednesday Guides & Support for Families

Scroll down for the latest guides to supporting families in their use of technology at home.

If you would like guidance in any particular areas regarding technology, please contact the school office and we will endeavour to help out!

- Parent Guide - YouTube - Helpful Guide
- Parent Guide - Safely Setting Up New Devices for Children
- Parent Guide - Share Kindness Online
- Parent Guide - Building Cyber Resilience at Home

