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KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Every child deserves to feel safe online – and we all have a part to play.

Children and young people are online more than ever before; 7-16-year-olds who use the internet say that they spend **an average of four hours a day online.** Also, half of ten-year olds now own their own smartphone.

If children are given a device to use, then **proactive measures to protect them while they use that device** should be a **first and ongoing priority for all parents** and carers. Once a child has seen or heard something harmful, they cannot unsee or hear it. We know how difficult it is for parents to manage their children's use of their devices and we want to support you with this.

Later this term, parents will be invited to **online safety workshops;** we received very positive feedback for the ones we put on last year and hope to see you again this year. Dates will be released soon.

We have recently subscribed to the Safer Schools App. **'Safer Schools is a multi-award-winning safeguarding ecosystem, created to educate, empower and protect the entire school community, in a digital World'.**

There is a specific login for parents- **please see the letter below.**

I **would strongly urge you to download the app and use it as your 'go to' for all information regarding the online world for children and how you can keep them safe.**

Increasingly, children's online behaviour on their own devices can overspill into school life e.g. pupils in a group chat being unkind, or using inappropriate language towards each other; children sharing inappropriate information in school about things they have seen online.

When we are made aware of this, we don't just say 'this is happening out of school, so it's nothing to do with us', **we see it as our role to inform and support children and their families** to understand what's happened, how it has happened and how to prevent it happening again in the best way we can. Often, parents are shocked when they are informed about their children's online behaviour and consequences.

How safe is your child online?

How do you know?

This week, the children have all renewed and signed the **iPad pledge** for their school device for this year. **Please scroll down to view this so you can support them at home.**

But children can't keep themselves safe on their own. They need the consistent and constant support of all the adults around them.

We know that children **cannot hear these messages enough** and we are continually reminding them in school about the ways in which they can keep safe online. We cannot assume that **because they have heard it once, they will remember it.** We also know that the excitement of using the internet can take over and children can be un-knowingly tricked or groomed into giving out information about themselves, visiting harmful sites or joining in with unsafe and harmful activities.

Please keep reminding your children and please keep checking what they are doing. If you have any questions, please contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

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Two Gates Primary School

Dear Parents,

The online world can be a bit overwhelming at times but it is important we understand what our children are doing online so we can help make them safer. The Safer Schools England App aims to help with this.

We are delighted to invite you to download our new Safer Schools England App, provided as part of our school insurance package with Zurich Municipal.

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STEP 1
Search 'Safer Schools England'

STEP 2
Open the App & enter the name of your school:

Two Gates Primary School

STEP 3
Your entry code is: 5329

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Safer Schools is a Digital Safeguarding Ecosystem delivered in partnership by Zurich Municipal and INEQE Safeguarding Group. Available at no additional cost to Schools and Local Authority customers.

About the App

The App is designed to support and educate children, by empowering them both at school and at home. The App provides your child with relevant, age-appropriate information on popular online safety topics and platforms. As a parent/carer, you will receive advice and guidance on how to help keep them safer online.
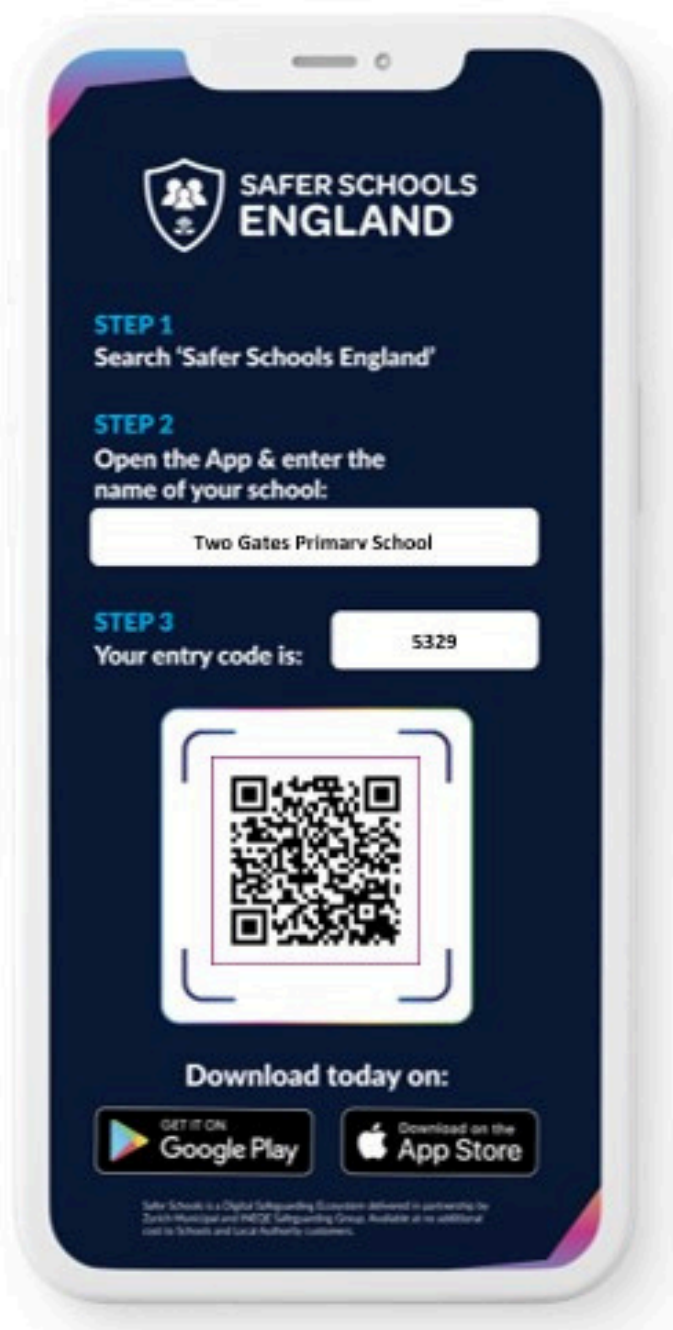
Excited? Ready to help keep your children safer online? Download the Safer Schools England App now!

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Make sure you enable push notifications to stay up to date with our advice, guidance, and top tips on the latest online safety topics.

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Downloading the App:

Step 1:
If you are using an iOS device, visit the Apple App Store and search 'Safer Schools England'. If you are using an Android device, visit the Google Play store and search 'Safer Schools England'.

Step 2:
Select 'Download'.

Creating An Account:

Step 1:
If you haven't already, please create an account by selecting **your role** on the login screen of the App.

Step 2:
To create an account, click '**Create an account**' and input your full name, email, and password of your choice. You'll also be asked to confirm your password. Once you're ready, click '**Register**' and this will create your account.

Step 3:
After you register, you will be asked to read and agree to the Terms and Conditions. After reading and scrolling to the bottom, select the '**I agree**' button will be available to select.

Step 4:
Time to select your school! To add your school, simply type your school name in the search bar and click '**Continue**'.
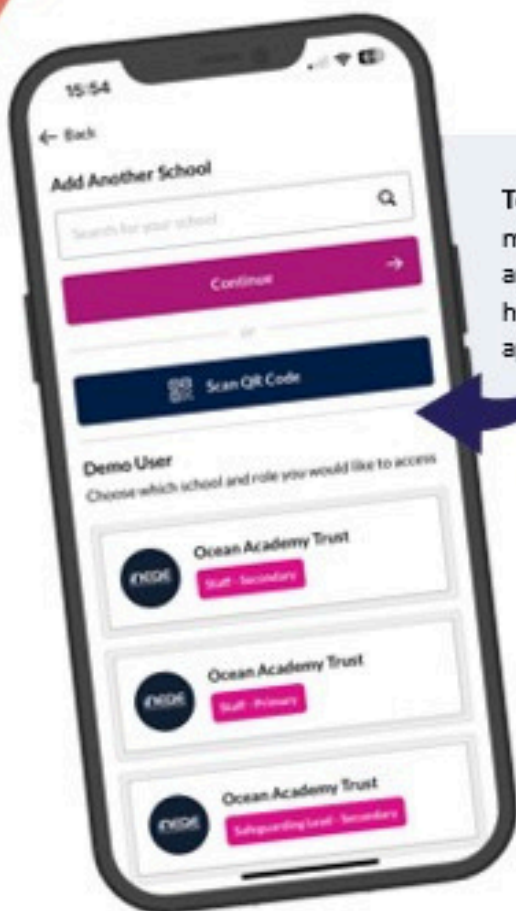
You will then be asked to input your entry code that you have received from your school that is relevant to your role. Type in your code and click '**Submit**'. You'll be asked to confirm this by clicking '**Continue**'.

Alternatively, if you have been given a QR entry code by your school, when adding your school simply select '**Scan QR Code**' and scan your code.

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Top Tip: Did you know that your App features Multi-School Login? This means that if you are a Staff member in one school with a child in another, or if you are a Parent/Carer of children in different schools, you have access to multiple schools without having to log in and out of the app.

Step 5: To add another school or role, on your Safer Schools app account, click your profile icon on the top right corner, navigate to 'Account Information' and select 'Add Another School or Role' then simply repeat Step 4.

Logging into your App:

Step 1: When you open the App, you should input your email address and password that you used to create your account. Once you're ready, click 'Log In'.

Step 2: When you log in, you will see your chosen school(s) that you have added to your account. Simply click the school that would like to view!

Two Gates' iPad Pledge

Pledge for iPad use:
- I will take good care of my iPad.
- I will know where my iPad is at all times.
- I will charge my iPad every day to ensure it is on 93% or more for school.
- I will keep food and drinks away from my iPad since they may cause damage to the device.
- I will protect my iPad by only carrying it when it is in a case.
- I will use my iPad in ways that are appropriate.
- I will not take photographs of other students unless asked to do so by a member of staff.
- I will only use the camera or microphone when instructed by an adult.
- I will only use my iPad for educational purposes.
- I will delete photos, videos and audio at the end of the day (including from the deleted folder).

Acceptable Usage Policy:
The school have developed a set of rules to help keep children safe whilst using technology. Children will be reminded of their responsibilities whilst using technology.

- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using technology because I know the rules are there to keep me safe.
- I will use all equipment and resources responsibly and with respect when directed by my teacher or member of staff.
- I will make my teacher aware if I notice my iPad is damaged.
- I will only use my own logins and passwords that have been given to me by my teacher when using the iPad and will keep them personal.
- I will only use the internet in school for school work and follow teacher or staff instructions.
- I will turn off my device and tell my teacher or member of staff immediately if I see anything on the internet that makes me feel unhappy or uncomfortable,
- I will never give out my own or others personal details e.g. name, address, phone number.
- I know that the school can check my files and internet sites that I visit will be filtered and monitored.
- The school will contact my parents if the school is concerned about my online safety.
- I will look after my iPad and not be careless with it.
- I will never use IT in an offensive way that may hurt or upset others.
- I will not edit and change settings on my iPad without permission from my teacher.
- I understand that I am responsible for my actions both in and out of school.

Signed: _____