

# Online Safety Newsletter

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## BRAND NEW ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

We are delighted to launch our brand new online safety newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to inform parents and carers of the apps that children are currently using and to provide support with how to keep your children safe whilst using technology.

Each fortnight, we will be focusing on a popular app that we know children are using and providing you with information and advice to keep children safe.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's usage or behaviour on any technology, please do speak **to a member of staff at school to discuss these.**

### AN APP IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HIP (Hide It Pro)



Hip (Hide IP pro) is an app designed to allow the user to hide documents, photos and videos. The app, on its



surface, looks to be a music app but this is to add a level of secrecy to anybody who is not aware of the real functions of the app. Users are using this app to hide any media or information that they do not want to share with anybody else.

## BEING KIND ONLINE

If your child is online, then it's important that we talk to our child about being kind online. For example, only posting positive comments, don't say anything they wouldn't say in real life and treat others as they would expect to be treated.

Your child also needs to be aware that what they see online isn't always the full picture. People only share what they want you to see and images are often filtered. It is also important that your child knows how to block and report any inappropriate behaviour when they see it.

BBC Own It have a collection of videos, quizzes and tips to help make the web a kinder place:



<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/being-kind-online>

### What is your child playing online?

Is your child playing/viewing games through Twitch, Steam, Roblox etc? If so, they may be viewing inappropriate content, for example watching and playing horror survival games.

**Make sure that what your child is accessing is age appropriate.**