

Welcome to the July 2019 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents

Social Media

Do you know how children use social media?
Do you know what apps they use?
Do you know how to use privacy settings?
Do you know the recommended ages for use of apps?
To find answers to the above questions and for advice and guidance visit:
<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/app-reviews/>
<https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

WARNING—Latest App news! Are you ready for Harry Potter: Wizards Unite!

Released June 2019. Available now on the App Store and Google Play just in time for the summer holidays!
PEGI rating 7



What is it?

Created by the developers behind [Pokémon GO](#), **Harry Potter: Wizards Unite** is an augmented reality (AR) game which uses the device's location (GPS) and camera to discover fantastic beasts and famous faces from the Harry Potter series in real life places.

Players can:

collect monsters, items and characters, called *foundables* by walking around their local community and casting spells (*spellcasting*) to capture them
purchase *energy* to spellcast; additional energy can be purchased with coins or replenished by eating at *inns*
do battle with *monsters* and evil *Death Eaters* in landmarks which may be designated *Greenhouses* or *Fortresses*
take part in *daily* challenges
brew potions

Read the NSPCC's guide:
Harry Potter: Wizards Unite — Magic you should be aware of
And/Or read advice in the **Harry Potter: Wizards Unite**

review from **CommonSense Media**

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/app-reviews/harry-potter-wizards-unite>



Prefer to talk to somebody (especially during the school holidays) about online safety?

- help with setting up parental controls
- help with adjusting privacy settings
- advice on social networks

FREE advice is just a phone call away from the O₂ and NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5002

Or visit any O₂ Guru in an O₂ store

FREE webinar for parents/carers



Tuesday 16th July 2019 4pm and 8pm

Online Safety Workshop for Parents
Get ready for summer

A 60-minute workshop for parents:
HOW to change settings, what to watch out for, the latest websites/games your child could be playing and much more.

To obtain the link to the webinar please ask your school to email: hello@gooseberryplanet.com and include 'Online Safety Workshop for Parents' in the subject line.

Digital Resilience Toolkit for 6-10 year olds

Internet Matters Digital Resilience Toolkit for 6—10 year olds:

Give your child a guiding hand as they start their digital journey online with practical tips to help them build up their understanding of the online world and create a safe space for them to explore.



<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/digital-resilience-toolkit/digital-resilience-toolkit-6-10-year-olds/>

What to do if you need help

Childnet provides advice on what to do if a child comes to you and needs your help including:

Communication. It is essential to talk to your child/children and reassure them they should always tell you if something upsets or worries them online

Save the evidence wherever possible – include screen shots, emails, texts (<https://www.wikihow.com/Take-a-Screenshot-in-Microsoft-Windows>)

Knowing who to report to is really important – familiarise yourself with the advice available on Childnet's website

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/how-to-make-a-report>

Have you heard of DISCORD?



Recommended Age 13+

Discord - Chat for Gamers is a voice- and text-chat tool geared toward gamers.

Users can log in to with a username, and add friends
Users can chat by logging in with a code provided from an email invitation or from a real-life friend
Users can find other users close by

Read the review from Commonsense Media; <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/app-reviews/discord-chat-for->