

# Internet Matters: Inclusive Digital Safety



## Type of intervention

Internet Matters recognises that certain groups may face additional risks when navigating the online world. The Inclusive Digital Safety guide provide specific information and tools to help children who identify as LGBTQ+, have special educational needs or disabilities, or those who are care experienced. This resource includes information for parents, caregivers, and professionals to support safer internet use.

## Target group/s, level/s of prevention and sub-group/s:

Secondary prevention for children who identify as LGBTQ+, have special educational needs or disabilities, or those who are care experienced.

## Target population

Parents and caregivers of children who identify as LGBTQ+, have special educational needs or disabilities, or those who are care experienced. There are also resources for professionals working with these groups.

## Delivery organisation

Internet Matters is a UK based not-for-profit which works across the private and public sectors to support families and children in using the internet safely.

## Mode and context of delivery

Online resources and information about safe and smart internet use, and the potential harms from being online.

## Level/Nature of staff expertise required

N/A

## Intensity/extent of engagement with target group(s)

N/A

## Description of intervention

The Inclusive Digital Safety resources provide online safety advice and guidance for parents and caregivers, and professionals. This includes information about online issues, implementing child safety settings on devices and across technology platforms and resources for schools.

The website is divided between the three groups of children who identify as LGBTQ+, have special educational needs or disabilities, and those who are care experienced. Each area contains guides which explore internet browsing, online gaming, and connecting and sharing. These pages include information about the things to consider when young people use the internet, practical tips for keeping them safe, and how to support young people if they experience harm online.

The Internet Portal acts as an information hub for parents, caregivers, and children and young people. This includes specific advice about being online using a range of technology and platforms. In addition to resources specifically designed for children and young people, this also includes activities for families to complete together.

For professionals, the website contains resources including the index of online harms which can be used to recognise behaviours which may indicate a cause for concern. They also host an Inclusive Digital Safety Forum for professionals to share best practice and develop skills and knowledge across professions.

### **Evaluation**

N/A

### **References**

N/A

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