



Online Safety at Home

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Think U Know



According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children it is crucial that parents recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. Please [click here](#) for some top tips to help under-5s start their online safety journey.



App Awareness – Do you know what a Metaverse is?

Metaverse is a relatively new term to many, however, the concept has been around for some time. Videogames, for example, use many aspects of the metaverse, avatars, digital currency, mini-games, and open communication. A metaverse also takes many forms; Fortnite can be seen as a metaverse, as is Roblox. Put simply, a metaverse is an online environment where people interact, play games and express themselves. Away from traditional videogames, there are newer and more 'dedicated' metaverses such as Decentraland, The Sandbox and Somium Space which are akin to Second Life. Please [click here](#) for an in-depth guide explaining Metaverses and things to be aware of.

