



# Online safety at home:

parents and carers newsletter from CJS

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This is the fifth of a six part series of newsletters from CJS about keeping our children safe online and about encouraging them all to treat others with care and respect.

Technology is hugely valuable for education, as well as a way to keep in touch with friends and family. However, it's important we all consider how we can support children's online safety during post-lockdown, and in the event of further lockdowns. Here's some information about what your child may enjoy online and what you can do to help keep them safer:

## Sharing information, pictures and videos

It's been harder to stay connected with our friends and family during the pandemic, so you may be sharing more images and videos of our children online via social media. But before you do, there are some important things to consider.

Read [sharing pictures of your children](#) for info on how to protect your younger, or older child whilst staying social.

Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a fun way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family online. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

Read [younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#) for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

Personal information is any information that can be used to identify your child. Sharing personal information online is easy and sometimes children, like adults, might share more online than they would offline, which can be risky.

Read [your child's personal information and how to protect it online](#) for information and advice.

## Mobile Phones at CJS

There are very rare circumstances in which pupils of a primary school age would need to have a mobile phone. On school days, this might be when they are:

- Travelling to school (or breakfast/after-school) by themselves
- Young carers who need to be contactable

Pupils who do bring phones to school **must** hand them in on a daily basis to be stored in the Head teacher's office. Pupils are responsible for collecting their phone at the end of the school day.

Pupils **must not** bring their mobile phone into school and disguise the fact by storing them in their school bag or a pocket.

Pupils are **not allowed to use or access their phone during the school day.**

**Pupils must not take mobile phones on residential visits or on school day trips.**

We've considered the age at which we feel there might be any reason for a child to have a mobile phone in school and we feel that, if absolutely necessary, **only pupils in Years 5 or 6** might require their mobile phone. We, therefore, do not expect any children in Years 3 or 4 to bring mobile phones to school.

Please avoid sending your child to school with a mobile phone.