

ONLINE SAFETY NEWS

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LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming has become a popular feature of many apps and platforms. By understanding why it is popular and what your child may come across, parents and carers can help children have a more positive online experience.

There are several factors that can make watching or creating live streams potentially harmful for children and young people including:

Content

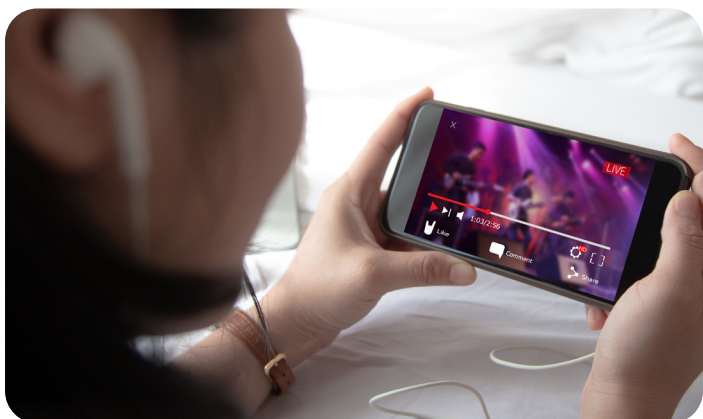
If they're watching other people's live streams, children could be exposed to age-inappropriate content, including sexual or violent content.

Offensive comments

If a young person's live stream is open to the public, viewers may be able to leave negative or inappropriate comments on feeds.

Inappropriate contact

There can be hundreds, potentially thousands, of people watching a live stream, including people who might be looking to hurt or exploit children and young people. In order to manipulate children, these people may attempt to trick them into engaging in sexual activity, flatter them with positive comments or gifts, or make threats to try to force them to do things they don't want to do. The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) has published a short guide with practical steps and conversation starters to help children stay safer while live streaming.



[CEOP GUIDE](#)

JESSIE AND FRIENDS: ONLINE SAFETY EDUCATION FOR 4-7 YEAR OLD CHILDREN

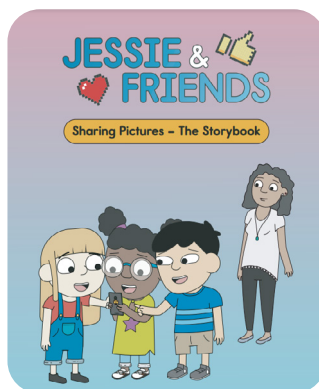
The CEOP Jessie and Friends website is designed for children aged between four and seven to explore at home with their parents/carers and features a series of three animations that follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games.

The key message throughout Jessie and Friends is that if a child is ever worried by anything online, they should tell a grown-up they trust, who will help them.

There is also a storybook for each episode, to help you and your child keep the conversation going.

Read the storybooks together! You can download each one by clicking the images below:

[JESSIE AND FRIENDS WEBSITE](#)



REPORTING TO SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Most social media websites provide an option for users to report and request removal of 'content' such as videos, pictures, comments or profiles that might be upsetting.

It is important to remember that making a report doesn't mean the content will definitely be removed.

Most websites, including social media sites, have a set of rules 'Terms of Use' which they expect people using their site to adhere to. Before requesting content removal, you or your child should check to see if any of the rules have been broken. Websites will only take content down if this is the case.

The ThinkUKnow website has a comprehensive guide for parents and carers to help support removing harmful content. The site includes guidance for different social media platforms which links to their rules, their safety centre and details how to report an issue.

[THINKUKNOW WEBSITE](#)

REPORT REMOVE

The report remove tool on the ChildLine website is for young people to get help removing a nude image or video of them shared removed from the Internet.

There is a helpful [video](#) that explains how report remove can help.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Lucy Faithfull Foundation

'A guide for parents of children and young people who have got into trouble online'

The guide has been created for parents and carers who find their child is engaged in worrying inappropriate or illegal behaviour online. The guide is designed to answer some of the immediate questions you may have after learning about something that is happening, or has happened, in your child's online life. It offers guidance on how to talk with your child about it and help prevent it happening again.

Parents can call The Lucy Faithfull Foundation Helpline at any time on 0808 1000 900 and speak with experienced operators. All calls are completely anonymous.

[VIEW THE GUIDE](#)

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If we can support you, your family or children with any issues relating to points raised in this newsletter or for any other concerns please do contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads:

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