

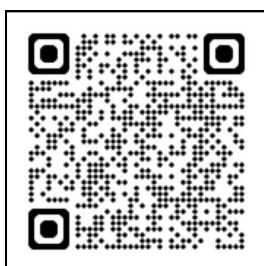
ONLINE SAFETY NEWS

Autumn Term 2025

Our commitment

Aspire Academy Trust recognises that online safety is a far-reaching and complex topic that continues to generate significant media attention and public concern.

This regular newsletter will keep Aspire school communities up-to-date, and act as a signpost to further support. At a time when technology is increasingly noted for its downside, as well as the positive, we hope to provide reliable, helpful information.



The Aspire ONLINE SAFETY web page is regularly updated with guidance and helpful parent/carers resources.

Follow the RULE framework for the easiest and most effective ways to keep children safe when using online devices at home.

The next quick online safety webinar for Aspire parents & carers is at 7pm on 10th December 2025. Tap or scan the QR code above for details/booking.

Important updates

New guidance from OFCOM ◀

July saw the beginning of OFCOM's first statutory guidance for tech companies operating in the UK, enforcing legislation brought in with the Online Safety Act. We would like to remind all families that social media platforms have 13+ usage agreements:

WhatsApp, Snapchat, Facebook, TikTok and others should not be

accessed by primary age children.



Artificial Intelligence concerns ◀

With AI-enabled systems so easy to access, and the increasing rise of AI chatbots, warnings have been issued around children using these alone, without sufficient checks in place. AI misinformation is another huge concern. Please stay aware and cautious around your child's online access.

Delaying smartphone access ◀

With secondary schools across Cornwall tightening up policies on smartphone use, many families are looking for alternatives as their children grow older. 'Basic phones' can be a practical choice, with long-lasting batteries and little potential for online safety worries.