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PRIVACY SETTINGS

Privacy settings play a crucial role in protecting children while they explore the internet and play online games. As a parent, it's important to regularly review and adjust these settings on your child's devices, apps, and gaming platforms.

Make sure that personal information such as names, locations, and school details are not public and any social media accounts that they have are set to private.

Most games and platforms also allow you to limit who can talk to your child—set these options to "friends only".

Customising these settings gives your child a safer and more secure online experience in just a few minutes.

HAVING POSITIVE ONLINE INTERACTIONS

Helping your child build positive habits online starts with open conversations at home. Talk to them about treating others with the same kindness they would in person, and remind them that words typed on a screen can have an impact.

Encourage them to block and report bullying and praise examples of empathy or support they show to others online. By staying involved and demonstrating respectful digital behaviour, you help your child create safer, more positive experiences online.

Scan the QR code to find out more:

GAME SPOTLIGHT - AMONG US

This week's game spotlight is **Among Us.**
Among Us is a game that is based on the theme of 'whodunit'. A game where one or more players are 'imposters' who sabotage the others, while the others have to figure out who is 'sus' or suspicious. It can be played privately with friends or online with strangers.

- Among Us has a PEGI 7 rating in the UK.
- The game includes a Quick Chat mode that restricts chat to preset phrases—ideal for younger players.
- Encourage children to play in private lobbies with friends and disable free chat.

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