

Webwise parents

Internet safety is one of those issues where everyone has a responsibility; schools, parents, children, and website owners. In particular, parents and schools need to work together and support each other to help children make the most of the web. Webwise, the Irish

Internet Safety Awareness Centre managed by the NCTE, offers a few suggestions to help your school to support parents in this endeavour.



Webwise parenting workshops

The National Parents Council Primary and Webwise have developed a workshop that takes the mystery out of the internet for parents and gives them confidence to engage with their children's online lives.



"Like at all times with parenting, it is vital to have good, open communication with your child about their online life. It is important that you talk with your children about the potential

dangers that they may come across on the internet as well as all the benefits they will experience."

*Áine Lynch, CEO,
National Parents' Council.*

The Webwise Parenting Workshop focuses on strategies for improving communication between parents and children and negotiating boundaries to their internet use. At the workshop parents get the opportunity to hear young people talking about how they use the internet, why it is attractive to them, and get an insight into their main concerns about being online.

They are also introduced to strategies for agreeing rules and boundaries around their child's internet usage. This is the most important aspect of keeping them safe online.

Negotiating a contract with their child can give parents a lot of information about what they do online. It also gives them a platform to discuss the types of things their child uses the internet for and how long they spend on the internet. The dialogue surrounding the agreement of this contract can often be as useful as the contract itself.

Organise a Webwise Workshop in your school through the training section on www.npc.ie.

Webwise on Facebook

Webwise on Facebook has a range of content designed to give parents the skills and confidence to intervene more effectively in their use of the internet. It has videos from parenting experts, interactive cartoons that teach children the golden rules for using the web, and a selection of publications that provide information and advice. It is also a community where parents and experts support each other.

Join the community at www.facebook.com/webwise

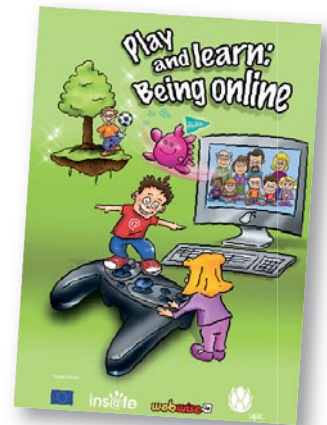
Play and learn: being online

This colourful publication, developed by UPC and Webwise, contains activities and games that parents and children aged 4 to 8 years old can do together to develop open and relaxed communication channels around their online lives from an early age.

Often parents

feel at a disadvantage when they are talking to their children about the internet as they can feel that their children may know more than they do. Doing activities together can be an ideal opportunity to get your child to talk about what they do on the internet and show you around the sites that they visit.

A limited number of this resource is available, contact internetsafety@ncte.ie.



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