



Have A Very Techy Christmas!



We know this Christmas many children will be asking for tablets, games consoles and smartphones. Technology continues to be very popular; with consoles like the Xbox One and the PlayStation, as well as cheaper-than-ever tablets. Keeping up is a constant battle.

We want to make it as easy as possible for parents to make the most of the safety tools available and hope these steps will help, so that you can all enjoy the technology together.

Get to know the technology: Do you know what functions the device has? You could get your child to show you what they like to do, or perhaps enjoy a game together.

Use the tools: Most devices will have parental controls to help you e.g. setting up app purchasing restrictions, to avoid any shock bills. Contact your home Internet Service Provider to help you set up free filters.

Many devices are open access, straight from the box. Before wrapping, unbox them and **set up the e-safety controls**. You can also charge the battery, so there is no waiting around on Christmas morning.

Be aware of the content and rating of computer games before purchase. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/> is a great starting point, with independent reviews for games, films and apps. Information around PEGI ratings can be found at <https://pegi.info/>

Get involved in your child's digital lives and talk to them about technology and their personal safety. There are links to direct you to information around all of the above on our school website [Click here to visit the page](#).

Enjoy the technology as a family – and unleash the fantastic opportunities for learning, creativity and fun!

