

Educate, empower & protect the entire school community.

## Dear Parents and Carers,

In these unprecedented times, we know everyone is spending more time online at home, including our children and young people. The Internet provides many benefits in keeping us all connected; however, for our children and young people especially, this can present more significant risks.

The online world can be a bit overwhelming at times but it is important we understand what our children are doing online so we can help make them safer. The Department of Education Northern Ireland (DENI) Safer Schools App aims to help with this.

**We are delighted to invite you download the DENI Safer Schools App provided in partnership with Ineqe Safeguarding Group.**



## About the App

The App is designed to support you, as you keep the children and young people in your care safer online. The app will provide you with information on how you can make your home and their devices safer, understanding Social Media and the benefits and risks of apps such as Snapchat, Instagram, House Party to name but a few. The app also will provide you more information on inspiring healthy media habits and screen time to making you aware of scams and keeping personal information safer online. The in-app safety centre also provide you up to date information on how to block, mute and report anything you or the child in your care may find worrying or upsetting online from images to comments from online bullies or trolls.

Don't forget to check out our free Home Learning Hub for more online resources to support you further at [www.oursaferschools.co.uk/home-learning-hub](http://www.oursaferschools.co.uk/home-learning-hub)

**Excited? Ready to make you and your pupils safer?  
Download the DENI Safer Schools App now!**

★ *Make sure to enable push notifications to keep up-to-date with our tips, advice and guidance on how to make your pupils safer.*