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## Parent - Digital Safety Newsletter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Would you like to know more about online scams? We are running 'Are you scam savvy?' sessions that can be attended either in-person or via webinar online. Book a free ticket through [Eventbrite](#). The dates available are:

- [Worthing Library](#): Monday 14 October 10am - 11.30am
- [Chichester District Council](#): Thursday 24 October 10am - 11.30am
- Bognor Library: Tuesday 12 November 10am - 11.30am
- [Crawley Library](#): Wednesday 11 December 10am - 11.30am
- [Broadfield Library](#): Wednesday 11 December 13.00pm - 14.30pm

### GAMING

According to Ofcom, around nine in 10 children play games online. Is yours one of them? Gaming has many positive aspects but also carries risks, so it's very important that you understand what these are and work with your child to ensure they remain safe and enjoy harmless fun.

[Read more](#)

### SEXTORTION

Sextortion is where criminals will trick a child into sharing nude or sexual imagery, often while pretending to be someone else. They will then threaten to share the imagery with the victim's family and friends, or on the open web, unless the victim sends money.

Previous data showed young people aged between 14 and 17 were the most susceptible, however new data reveals a 25% increase in reports involving 14-15-year-olds and the very first reports involving children aged 11-13 years old. There has also been an increase in reports involving girls. **WARNING:** Contains upsetting content - [Read the full article](#).

### SMARTPHONES

The BBC has released a new Panorama episode focusing on children's use of smartphones. The episode follows two families and looks at the impact when their smartphones are removed for a week. The documentary discusses online harms and how content pushed to children's feeds affects them.

**Watch:** [Can we live without our phones?](#)

**Visit the website:** [Panorama](#)