



Accessing Inappropriate Content

Accessing inappropriate content describes children and young people viewing websites in a range of categories. These include pornography, violent content, adult chat rooms and forums, gambling and content that is deemed to be promoting harmful behaviours in young people – for example sites on suicide or that promote eating disorders.

What to look out for

It's very hard to be specific about the signs that your child is accessing inappropriate sites. But the signs listed below may be an indication that something is wrong:

- Your child may seek more help and reassurance than usual
- They may become withdrawn and be very anxious
- They may be spending more time online than normal or they may have dramatically cut it down if they are scared
- They may switch off the screen quickly if a parent is approaching



- Talk to your child about age limits on some websites and how they are there to protect them from distress and harm
- Consider installing parental controls that your internet provider offers. TalkTalk's HomeSafe™ www.talktalk.co.uk/security that enables you to manage your child's internet access and block inappropriate content. HomeSafe is built into your broadband allows

you block access to certain types of content, like pornography or violent content, across every device using the connection.

- You can report illegal content to Internet Watch Foundation www.iwf.org.uk

More support available on the school's website