# CLONMONEY NATIONAL SCHOOL

THE DIGITAL NOTICEBOARD

**OCTOBER**

# Supporting safe, happy and positive online experiences

Small steps make a big difference. Start with the device your child uses most.

## CHECK ONE DEVICE TODAY

1. **Set up a child account.**
2. **Check browser access, downloads, purchases and chat.**
3. **Agree family rules:** ask before downloading or opening chat; tell an adult if something feels wrong.

## TWO FAMILY BOUNDARIES

No screens before school.

Devices charge outside bedrooms overnight.

## KNOW THEIR DIGITAL WORLD

Explore their games, apps, YouTube, tablet, console and smart TV together. Some allow browsing, messages and purchases.

## TALK ABOUT IT

'Show me your favourite game or video. What do you like about it?'

If something worries your child, listen calmly and thank them for telling you.

## PEGI IS A STARTING POINT

Age ratings describe game content; they do not tell you whether strangers can make contact, whether voice chat is enabled, or whether children can spend money.

## GOOD PICKS THIS MONTH

**App Pick**

**Khan Academy Kids**

Colourful learning app with stories, reading, maths and activities for younger children.

**Watch/Make Pick**

**YouTube Kids**

A safer YouTube experience with parental controls.

Our school supports **delaying smart phones during primary school.**

Even without a smart phone, children may still access the online world through tablets, consoles, smart TVs and other devices so digital awareness still matters.

Brought to you by the Parents Association.