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The Southfields Intranet was developed last year to assist students in computing lessons to get to the websites they need in class quickly and easily. It meant that no child was having to type in long URL addresses which saved time and gave the child more time doing the fun stuff!

The students appreciated it so much that they asked if they could access the intranet at home? At that time it wasn't but it was quickly upgraded and given the URL southfieldlinks.co.uk so that children could do just that.

Fast forward a few more months and with the second national lockdown in full swing, the Southfields Intranet page is now being used more than ever. And with there being so many different apps, websites, devices, consoles and platforms that children can visit quite freely, it was decided to make the intranet not just for children but for parents as well.

On southfieldlinks.co.uk you now have the option to scroll down the page and see "Parents Links" for quick and easy access to ClassDojo and the school's website. If you scroll down further there is now a huge library of online safety links which are out there to give parents as much help as they can with keeping their child safe online. There is also now reporting functions on the intranet, in case parents or even children feel unsafe whilst going online. I hope that these reporting functions never get used, but it's good to know that they're there just in case.

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NSPCC
Let's keep kids safe online

We know the last year has been anything but normal and it's been a challenging time for lots of families. Over the next few months we're all going to be spending more time at home and on the internet. The NSPCC have released their **Lockdown Hub** which is there to help you find the latest advice on popular apps and tips to help keep your child safe online during lockdown and beyond.

The New Year is also a great time for your family to create some new rules to help keep safe online – especially if your child got a device over the festive period. There are lots of benefits to spending time online but it's important to set boundaries with your child about what they can do. Arrange a time to sit down together soon and agree some rules using the NSPCC's **Family Agreement** template.

ESafety-Adviser releases latest version of Ditto Magazine



Alan Mackenzie, online safety specialist and founder of esafety-adviser.com has released his latest e-safety magazine "Ditto". Topics discussed in this edition are: YouTube influencers / TikTok Family Safety Mode / What is Like Farming? / Notifications / Taming Gaming website / Report Harmful Content service and a few snippets of other information.

The latest version of Ditto is available to download from the school website [HERE](#)

Homeschooling—What Do I Need To Know?



A January return to remote learning was as sudden as it was unsurprising, even if the government had primary schools open for one day only to quickly close them again.

Unlike the school closures in March 2020, parents should have been feeling more confident and better prepared in 2021 for the reopening of 'home school'. But with the ever-changing landscape, mixed messages from Whitehall, confusion over which children qualify to attend, limited access for many to vital tech, and question marks over summer exams, many parents are understandably worried, confused and frustrated.

So what should YOU be able to expect from schools and the government for your child's education? And what help can you get to make home-schooling easier? Read Parentzone's remote schooling article [HERE](#).