

MediaSmart

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The media, e-safety and education blogs that we love

Our aim at Media Smart is to teach primary school and secondary school pupils about media and advertising. It's important for us to keep parents and teachers up-to-date on the latest developments in this field by sharing fact-based, well-researched and balanced educational articles, blogs and media resources.

Here are our go-to sources for reliable content. Let us know whether your favourites are on the list, and if there are any good ones that we have missed...

Media Smart's favourite education blogs

[Te@cher Toolkit](#)

Ranked the No 1 education blog in the UK (and rightly so), Te@cher Toolkit is a dependable source of informative education articles.

It was set up with the aim of giving teachers a professional platform from which to be heard and offers inspirational and practical resources, by teachers, for teachers.

[Tes](#)

Make sure you're never stuck for lesson inspiration again and are always up-to-date on news about education policy. Tes offers subject-based posts, and a selection of the finest themed and topical resources.

You can access Media Smart's free lesson resources on [Tes](#) (as well as on our website).

[Guardian Teacher Network](#)

The Guardian Teacher Network is a dedicated space for teachers and school professionals, featuring news, discussions, debate, ideas, analysis and best practice.

Their blog, The Secret Teacher, is an insightful series of articles written anonymously by teachers about their experiences in schools.

[Mr P's ICT blog](#)

Teacher and technology trainer Mr P created his blog to show how technology can be used to raise standards across the national curriculum.

He is an advocate for tech in the classroom as a force for good, and his articles demonstrate best practice for integrating the subject into classrooms and engaging pupils.

Media Smart's favourite e-safety, media and technology resources and blogs

[NSPCC NetAware](#)

Set up by the NSPCC, NetAware offers simple-to-understand guides to social networking sites, and resources for how to keep your children safe and informed in the digital world.

As well as comprehensive guides to each social platform, their website is a fantastic source for articles that help start conversations with pupils around e-safety.

The NSPCC also supported our campaign to encourage young men to talk about body image and the effect it has on their mental wellbeing. If you haven't seen the film we created with First News yet, [watch it here](#).

[Wayne Denner](#)

As a father himself, online safety expert Wayne knows what is important to parents when it comes to e-safety.

You can always trust him to keep you up-to-date through his blogs and vlogs on the latest internet, social media and gaming news.

[Common Sense Media](#)

A leading, independent organisation to help kids navigate the world of media and technology, Common Sense Media is full of unbiased info for parents, teachers and policymakers. They believe that media and tech can be a positive force in children's lives, and their resources reinforce this message.

Their website is particularly useful for finding age-appropriate content for young people, suggesting suitable apps, TV, film and books based on age.

[Sonia Livingstone](#)

Professor of Social Psychology in the Department of Media and Communications at LSE, Sonia Livingstone is a policymaker for children's rights online. Her expert articles focus on the effect of technology on young people, from fake news to screen time and digital opportunities.

Sonia is an advisor to Media Smart and we have been lucky enough to receive her support in developing some of our own teaching resources, which can be downloaded [here](#).

We're always on the look-out for more great articles and blogs, so please get in touch with any that are missing...

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