Three top tips for the summer holidays

Summer holidays are a great chance to reconnect and do something fun together as a family, but they're also a good opportunity to catch up on your child's digital life. We've put together some top tips for digital parenting over the summer break, appropriate for a range of ages.

1) **Talk about location services.** If you're using Google Maps or another similar app to plan a holiday or find your way to new attractions, take the opportunity to talk to your children about understanding location services – what they are, how they work and how they relate to privacy.

   If you're planning to post pictures of your holiday on social media, you can also talk about making sure images aren't sharing more than you think. If your children add a location to the photos they share, anyone who can view the post will be able to see where they were when it was taken. Make sure they know to be careful with their privacy settings to prevent accidental oversharing.

2) **Connect cautiously.** Many young people have a lot more free time over the summer holidays – and often they want to spend it with their friends. If they're making plans to meet up, take advantage of the opportunity to remind them to be careful about who they connect with on social media, and to not agree to meet someone they don't know in real life.

3) **Get prepared.** The last thing most children want to think about over the summer is going back to school. But it's important to make sure they're ready for the new term, especially if your child is moving to a new school. Doing things like mapping their route together on Google Maps and checking their school's policy on personal device use over the summer will make for a smoother start next term.