

## Getting set for a Family Friendly Digital Easter Break!

With the school holidays fast approaching, you might be in search of things to do with your children. School holidays are an excellent chance to reconnect and do something fun together as a family, but they also offer an opportunity to engage with your kids' online lives. Here are our top tips for a digital family friendly Easter break.

**Getting out.** If you're using Google Maps or another similar app to find your way to new places and attractions, take the opportunity to talk to your children about understanding location tracking services – what they are, how they work and whether your children know anything about them. More and more apps are tracking users' movements. Is that a good thing? (Yes, because you can be linked to things you might like to do near you.) Or a bad thing? (Someone knows exactly where you are - can you really have a private life when companies are tracking your movements?) It's worth starting a conversation, even if neither you nor your child has the answers.

**Staying in.** You don't need to leave the house to take advantage of family time. If you're staying at home over the school holidays, use it as a chance to connect with your children's digital lives. Playing the online games they like, asking to see their favourite apps and websites and even starting a conversation about cleaning up their digital footprint are all great ways to take advantage of time at home.

**Getting connected.** Even if you'd rather have them all to yourself, your children will probably have some other ideas about ways to spend time over the holidays. If they're making plans to see friends, 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 up with someone they don't know in real life.