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| **Here are the updates to note from last month National Online Safety Update:** |

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| **WhatsApp: Messages restricted to combat fake news**In aid of preventing the spread of fake news, WhatsApp are restricting forwarding any single message to five times, rather than twenty times which it was previously. Although this is a step in the right direction, it does not completely stop the spread of fake news, as those people on the receiving end have the option to continue the chain by forwarding the messages too. |

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| **Facebook: Plans to integrate features of Instagram and WhatsApp**Facebook has revealed plans to integrate features from Instagram and WhatsApp, all of which are separate apps owned by the platform. Their aim? To create the ‘best messaging experience possible'. The concern? If Facebook decide to completely merge all apps, there may be issues with data privacy. |

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| **YouTube: Improving recommendations on the platform**In their latest blog update, YouTube have stated that they plan to ‘improve recommendations on their platform’. In conclusion, they aim to improve the platform by reducing the spread of content that ‘comes close to—but doesn’t quite cross the line of—violating their Community Guidelines’ such as information that may harmfully misinform users. |

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| **Fortnite: Loot box update**Previously, the contents of a 'loot box' in the game Fortnite was hidden, containing an unknown item which was only revealed after it had been purchased. The nature of this had been associated with gambling. Fortnite now lets players see what is inside a 'loot box' before they purchase one, removing the 'gambling' element. |

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