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KAJANG: The Women, Family and Community Development Ministry said it would be helping school-going children with Internet protection and managing screen time following the introduction of e-textbooks next year.

Its deputy minister Hannah Yeoh said the ministry would be raising awareness on the importance of helping children use digital gadgets in a safe and responsible manner.

"We're going to do a series of programmes with schools to ensure that children know how to limit themselves in their screen time and how to protect themselves - not to chat to strangers online," she said after giving a speech at the Empowering Women Summit 2018 in Universiti Tenaga Nasional on Saturday (Oct 27).

"Whether we like it or not, gadgets are the new learning tool for many students.

"For our ministry, we'd be looking at screen time, minimising screen time and dealing with addiction to their phones," she said.

Meanwhile, Yeoh said her ministry would be looking into the matter of strengthening support and care for senior citizens.

She said this was in light of a lack of a support system for those, especially singles, who have to care for their aged parents.