

Online Safety Newsletter

February 2022 - Staff



100% TOTAL
to Certified Status

School updates - We have recently achieved the National Online Safety Certified School Status. ☺ Which means all stakeholders are engaging with the platform. We have also introduced a new and improved online safety curriculum. As part of our commitment to Online Safety, we have signing up to take part in the Safer Internet Day 2022. The theme this year is "All Fun and Games? Exploring Respect and Online Relationships."



60% 11 – 13 report to have seen pornography, most of these people say they have viewed this unintentionally. Viewing pornography gives young people unhealthy views on sexual relationships and consent, putting them at risk from predators and possibly stopping them from reporting abuse in the future. If you are concerns, both staff, parents and carers can access webinars and wake up Wednesday guides How to Manage Children's Exposure and The Impact of Age-Inappropriate Content. Available now on the National Online Safety site.

Estyn report Dec 21, states that young people feel **pressured regularly for nude photos**. Girls in particular, say that this happens outside of school, particularly online. This is usually from boys in the same year/ school, but young people also report **receiving pressure from strangers via apps such as Instagram, Kik, Tumblr, Messenger, Vero (NEW), snap chat, we chat, tiktok**.



A young girl asked Alexa to 'challenge her' having seen a '**challenge**' on tiktok. Alexa asked her to touch a live plug with a coin. Thankfully the girl did not do this, and Amazon has since reviewed its content. Challenges have been around for a long time we suggest you talk to young people and make them aware of the dangers.

Facebook, messenger, Instagram and WhatsApp have **users targeted in phishing scheme**. Lots of websites have fake log in pages to access usernames and passwords. Please be mindful and do not enter your details if the website doesn't seem right.

Following on from our Online Safety Pupil Questionnaire I will be sharing information specifically focusing on the games, apps and devices that our young people are using. This will be stored on Weduc and on a display board in the staffroom. From this information you will be able to access information such as why our young people like the app and what are the concerns/ things to be mindful of.