Online Safety Newsletter

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Welcome

A warm welcome to the first edition of the Online Safety Newsletter which has been created and edited by members of the Bristol Safeguarding Children's Board - E-Safety Working Group. This group works to raise awareness and tackle online safety issues by giving schools tools and resources to help keep children safe. The group is made up entirely of volunteers, people who work in education and are passionate about keeping children safe online. We come from a variety of sectors including the police, early years, independent schools, secondary schools, primary schools and the Safeguarding in Education Team. This Newsletter is here to provide information, updates and advice on a range of key online safeguarding issues. We hope that you

find this newsletter helpful and informative. Please help to spread the word about this newsletter and encourage colleagues to access it via the BSCB website.

BSCB E Safety Working Group

News

- It has been identified by an article in the Guardian (15th May 2018) that there is concern over the growing number of children groomed to film their own sexual abuse over live streaming. A study carried out by the Internet Watch Foundation found that in a three-month period last year, 2,082 images and videos of live-streamed child sexual abuse were identified. Of that number, 96% were girls and 98% were children aged 13 and under, with most (69%) assessed to be between 11 and 13. Almost three in 10 (28%) were aged under 10 and the youngest victim was just three years old.

  With the very large percentage of these victims being under the age of 13 and over a quarter being under 10 years old, it shows how imperative it is to teach children in both primary and secondary schools how they protect themselves online.

  To read the article in full go to:

  https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/may/15/growing-number-of-children-groomed-to-film-own-sexual-abuse

- **Advice on Live Streaming**

Childnet Digital Leaders talk about their experiences with live streaming and provide their top tips for other young people.
To see more tips visit:
http://www.childnet.com/blog/live-streaming-top-tips-from-young-people

Further information for teachers and parents can be found here :
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/live-streaming-responding-to-the-risks/

- Facebook have recently published their first data regarding posts that they have taken action over because of content. The social media platform says it deleted or added warnings to approximately 29 million posts that broke its rules on hate speech, graphic violence, terrorism and sex, over the first three months of the year.

Facebook is developing artificial intelligence tools to support the work of its 15,000 human moderators but the report suggests the software struggles to spot some types of abuse.

Read the article from the BBC here;
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-44122967
Visit the Facebook Newsroom to see how they decide what they do and don't take action on. Judge their decisions for yourself here; https://newsroom.fb.com/news/2018/05/enforcement-numbers/

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018

To ensure educational settings meet their legal duties to protect children the government issues statutory guidance to schools and colleges entitled Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE). The latest version of this will come into effect in September 2018. Within this latest guidance there is an increased emphasis of the role of online safety and this requires the engagement of the whole school community, involving children, parents, teachers, governors along with partner agencies and organisations. A particular emphasis is on ensuring staff are kept up to date with training and understand the unique risks associated with online safety particularly for vulnerable pupils. It is hoped this newsletter will support staff to be confident that they have the relevant knowledge and up to date capability required to keep children safe whilst they are online.

According to the latest version of KCSIE 'The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but can be categorised into three areas of risk:

- **content**: being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material;

- **contact**: being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; and

- **conduct**: personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm.' (KCSIE 2018)

In this and subsequent editions of the Online Safety Newsletter, information, advice and guidance to support tackling the 3 'C's' will be provided.

Latest Games and Apps

Fortnite

The craze sweeping homes and the England Football Team's changing room may be the new game to be playing but concerns have been raised around this popular game after it was identified that a 12 year old boy was groomed online through this game. Whilst online gaming is a popular pastime for children, it is another game to understand and assess the risks of. Common sense media has reviewed the game for all you need to know about its features and have some tips and ideas about limiting usage. Go to:

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-fortnite

Players of the game should be aware there are scams relating to Fortnite early releases. For further details please go to:

https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2018/06/21/dont-download-it-fake-fortnite-app-ends-in-malware/

Yubo

Originally called 'Yellow', this app was dubbed the 'Tinder for teens' whereby users swipe left or right to connect with new friends to chat and live stream. New safety features have been added to make the experience safer, a summary of these changes can be found here:
https://waynedenner.com/blog/yubo-updates-safety-features

Information for parents and teachers can be found here:
https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/yubo-formerly-yellow-social-media-app-parents-need-know/

Sharing Practice

To try and capture and listen to the voice of the child regarding E-safety and online use, Sea Mills Primary School have developed a Digital Champions programme within their school. Supported by the E-Safety Staff Lead, the Year 5 and 6 pupils offer advice to their peers through assemblies and in class sessions. They are available for children across the school to talk to when they have questions about online use that they may not want to talk to an adult about. Meetings are held with the champions to gather their thoughts and ideas about keeping themselves and peers safe and sharing these messages.

E-Safety messages, tips and hints as well as useful websites to help parents understand the challenges of digital parenting are also included in every school newsletter, as well as on the school's website.

Help and Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline

Contact us with your online safety concerns

Email helpline@saferinternet.org.uk

Or call 0344 381 4772. We're open 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday

Have online safety questions or concerns?

POSH are here to help professionals working with children and young people. The team can help with any online safety issues - privacy, online reputation, gaming, grooming, cyberbullying, sexting, inappropriate behaviour on social media and so on. As the only helpline in the UK solely dedicated to supporting the children's workforce, POSH are unique in their relationships within industry- having direct channels to escalate concerns to social media companies and many websites. Visit their website here
https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline

Website of the Month

In every issue we will be looking to highlight a website that we feel could support practice regarding online safety or offer practical support to parents and children/young people in this ever changing world.

In this issue check out the H2b Safer website which provides online safety advice, including information for young people on how to set up privacy and safety settings and how to block and report users on a variety of apps. Check out the website here: https://h2bsafetycentre.com

Screen less Summer Resource Pack

H2B Safer are offering a free resource pack to encourage children to spend a little less time on their screens this summer. For more information please go to:

http://ineqe.com/professionals-service/?inf_contact_key=ea4e4157475226ac469572260b1a0f6c3889e6b862cf6d38f11a35f84fd3fa18#resources

Pass it on

Great resources from Mental Health Awareness week

Find the primary and secondary versions of 'Smiley Sharer', 'Trusted adult' and 'Cyber-hero' for your classrooms here: https://ineqe.com/2018/05/08/mentalhealthposterpack/

Ask yourself - Did you find any Online Mental Health Resources that you could share, with parents, young people, your staff team, the schools around you?

Events

Online Safety Live

To support the work of professionals online, FREE safety sessions have been set up for across the whole of the UK by the SWGfL (South West Grid for Learning).

There is a 2 hour event In Bristol on 25 September 2018 demonstrating all the very latest in online safety including the latest issues, biggest trends and the best resources. To book your free tickets go to:

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/training-events/online-safety-live

For further information and any questions in relation to this newsletter please contact the Bristol Safeguarding Children Board at: bscb@bristol.gov.uk