

eSafety Newsletter Autumn 2012



Welcome, on behalf of our Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board eSafety group, to our autumn term newsletter keeping you up-to-date with the latest news and information. Increasingly we are all personalising our access and use of the internet. Mobile devices such as iPads, games consoles and mobile phones are the ways in which many children and adults prefer to go online. The average user has over 3 different devices they regularly use to go online! Playing games, visiting Youtube and using social networks, such as Facebook, continue to be very popular with children of all ages. Educating the whole school community about the fast moving, exciting and ever changing online world is as important as ever, especially as the eSafety challenges become more complex. Please do contact me if you would like to discuss a specific eSafety incident or would like further information or advice.

Ann Layzell

Ofsted and eSafety

Safeguarding includes keeping children safe in the online world. The new OFSTED inspection handbook, the guidance for inspectors and the new briefing sheets include eSafety and cyber-bullying. There are a range of indicators identifying what good to outstanding online safeguarding practice looks like and perhaps more importantly, what inadequate practice looks like. The sample questions for SLT, staff and pupils are particularly helpful. The **briefing sheets** can be found on the Ofsted website or alternatively <http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/research/>

Facing up to Facebook – The magic 13!

Increasing numbers of primary children now have a social network account, often Facebook. Many schools and teachers are concerned that parents and carers are not always aware of the age restrictions and the related safeguarding risks to the children. The HSCB eSafety group have developed a parents/carers leaflet to help raise awareness and provide practical guidance. This leaflet can be given out to parents and carers and/or added to your school website. http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/social_networking/facebook_personal.shtml

Training Staff

Staff eSafety training is recommended on a yearly basis and should include:

- Latest national and local developments, policies and advice
- Emerging eSafety concerns and trends
- Changes in children's access and use of technology and the associated risks
- New resources for school leadership and the curriculum
- Guidance to staff with keeping themselves safe online and with promoting the eSafety message with their pupils
- Information for parents to help raise awareness

If you would like support delivering staff training, from as little as £193 for a twilight session, please contact Ann Layzell

Anti-bullying Week 19 to 23 November

The theme this year is **'We're Better Without Bullying'**. This is a good opportunity to raise awareness of Cyberbullying and the impact it can have on children. Further details can be found: www.thegrid.org.uk/learning/hwb/bullying/news/antibullying_week.shtml

Other useful websites include:

Bullying UK

www.bullying.co.uk/advice/young-people-advice

Cybermentors for young people

www.cybermentors.org.uk/

BBC for parents

bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/cyber_bullying/

Safer Internet Day 2013



This annual event will take place on Tuesday 5th February 2013 with the theme **'Online rights and responsibilities'**. Schools and many other organisations will be taking part and promoting the 'Stay Safe' online message. Further details will be available in the Spring newsletter.

Curriculum resources

Digiduck's Big Decision – This eBook from Childnet is aimed at 4 – 7 year olds and is about a duck that enjoys playing on the internet. It is a story of friendship and responsibility online and can be downloaded from KidSMART

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/teachers/ks1/digiduck.aspx>

Lesson Plans for Key Stage 2 based around the SMART Crew

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/teachers/ks2/>

Social Networking Detective – Key Stage 3 lesson plan and activity

<http://www.digizen.org/digicentral/sn-detective.aspx>

Thinkuknow – wide range of curriculum resources for all key stages

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/teachers/>

Recent publications

Towards a better internet for children – EUKids Online

The latest in a series of very topical reports <http://bit.ly/NEEmgH>

Qualitative study of children, young people and 'sexting' for the NSPCC

This small scale qualitative study was conducted to improve the understanding of sexting and the use of mobile technology by young people. <http://bit.ly/QojLqN>

Social Media, Social Life: How Teens View Their Digital Lives

This America research study makes interesting reading and some of the questions could be used by primary and secondary schools to start discussions with their pupils

<http://www.commonsemmedia.org/research/social-media-social-life>

Online Gaming

With Christmas approaching now could be a good time to remind parents and carers about the PEGI age ratings for games www.pegi.info/en/index/ These age ratings are based on the content of the game and not the difficulty. There is a good section for parents and a guide that can be downloaded www.pegi.info/en/index/id/media/pdf/241.pdf

Safe Use of Images

Information sheets that schools can personalise and a model HCC policy can be found on the HGfL <http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/research/index.shtml#safeuse>

Online Safety and Sex & Relationships Education (SRE) Meetings

Following the success of these meetings last term, very positive feedback and requests from schools and governors, we will be holding similar meetings again this term. **Online Child Protection** continues to be in the news and recently the government completed a consultation. Keeping up-to-date with this area can be challenging and these short meetings for PSHE and SRE coordinators, teachers and governors will provide all the latest news, information and resources.

16th October 12ICT/039A venue St Margaret Clitherow, Stevenage

20 November 2ICT/040A venue George Street, Hemel Hempstead

For further information and to book a place visit:

<http://www.thegrid.org.uk/learning/pshe/training/?panel=new>

For further eSafety advice, resources, training or to report an incident contact:

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