

Safeguarding Newsletter



Spring 2018 edition

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the Spring 'Safeguarding Newsletter'. Here at St Francis, we take safeguarding very seriously & want to work together with parents, carers and families to help keep all the children here at St Francis safe. Please do not be offended if we seem to be asking questions -we are doing our job and adhering to our 'Duty of Care' in making sure that our children are happy and safe both in and out of school. In this edition, you will find information on Internet Safety which is an ongoing issue that is affecting our young people and causing concern for parents especially as so many of our pupils have received electronic devices for Christmas. Some of the information is applicable to those in both Primary & Secondary school so may help if you have older children too. If there are any concerns, or if you are interested in learning more about a particular issue, please let me know and we will feature information in the next newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you,

Mrs Cox



SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2018 | Tuesday
6 February
www.saferinternetday.org



Online Safety

Safer Internet Day 2018 is being celebrated in school on Tuesday 6th February with the theme 'Create, connect and share respect: a better internet starts with you'.

Staying safe ONLINE & understanding risks

The internet is an amazing resource which enables children to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of different devices - however, it is always changing and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, but they still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online.

We continually work with the children to equip them with valuable knowledge and skills to help keep themselves safe when online. In school, we have appropriate filters in place to prevent children from accessing harmful content via the school's internet. I know many of you have concerns about what children can access outside school. This newsletter signposts you to a variety of websites where you can access support and advice.

Online safety- Top Tips

1. Know the age restrictions, they will help to ensure your child's safety.
2. Talk to your child about what they've been playing on, any uncertainties you can always check out using the websites below.
3. Stay positive! A strange, but great tip that is always mentioned with online safety. Staying open and honest means that trust can be built up, so if there is anything potentially dangerous, your child knows they can come to you.

Websites that can help

www.internetmatters.org: Great website that provides lots of advice and guides for making your child's internet usage safer.

www.childnet.com : Offers advice and tips about e-safety.

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety: Offers advice and tips, along with how to set up parental controls on lots of different electronic devices.

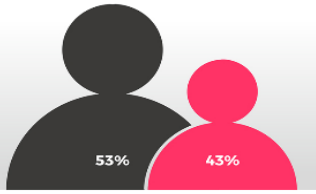
www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents: Quick, easy to use and full of advice on different topics, including how to talk to children about different issues.

www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre: To make a report about concerns or to find out whether you should make a report, visit this website.

www.net-aware.org.uk: Allows you to quickly search to find out about the app, website or programme your child is using.

To check the websites your children have been browsing on their iPad:

1. Tap the Bookmark icon (it looks like a little book)
2. Tap "History"
3. Drill down into specific dates, tap on any date folder to see the complete history from that day, or tap on any link to open that web page again to check its suitability.



Parental Supervision Online

The number of parents saying they are always present to supervise

their child age six when they are online has gone down in the last three years from 53% to 43%. Are you supervising your child when they are online?

We are constantly being updated with information on dangerous and potentially risky apps and games. We inform you immediately upon receiving this information via text so, as parents, you can be extra vigilant when/if your child is using them. **Please take these notifications seriously as your child could be at risk.** Contact us if you need further clarification.



FACTS & STATS

- 81% of mothers have uploaded an image of their child under 2 to social media sites
- 44% of 8-17 year olds have shared a photo in the last day with 1 in 8 sharing a selfie within the last hour.
- 2 in 3 of 8-17 year olds have shared an image or a photograph for a positive reason
- 12 is the average number of selfies an 8-17 year old takes before sharing

OUR SCHOOL FACTS & STATS

97% (181/185 children) have seen these images before and knew they were called emojis!

See the % below of the favourite emojis of the children from Reception—Y6



5% (12/187)



2% (3/187)



28% (53/187)



3% (6/187)



35% (65/187)



28% (52/187)

In our school **72%** of children from Reception to Year 6 (135/187 children) have used one or more of these emoji's when using electronic devices to communicate.

PEGI RATINGS



Several children, even as young as 5 years old, have reported playing, or watching

adults play games which are unsuitable for their age. 'Call of Duty', 'Grand Theft Auto', 'Dogs of War', 'Fortnite' and others similar games are all inappropriate for primary aged children to play, or watch being played. PEGI ratings of 15 and 18 are there to keep younger children safe from seeing graphic content.

PEGI RATINGS

Children must not be exposed to any games/films that are above their age classification. This includes playing and watching others play computer games.

The Pan-European Game Information (PEGI) age rating system was established in 2003 to help parents make informed decisions when buying video games.

PEGI operates in 29 countries and the British games industry was a moving force in establishing the system several years ago. The PEGI ratings give an indication of the type of content found in a game and its suitability.

As well as PEGI age ratings, game packaging also carries PEGI descriptors that help explain the kind of content that might be found in a

particular game. Descriptors appear as a set of icons that cover such themes as fear, bad language, violence and drugs.

Most publishers that are signed up to the PEGI rating system are also part of the PEGI Online scheme. PEGI Online extends the comprehensive PEGI age ratings scheme to the online environment.

Increasingly games are being played online against many players at a time and often across many country borders. So PEGI Online was devised to give parents greater peace of mind when their children play multiplayer games in the online arena.

For more information about PEGI and PEGI Online, head to www.pegi.info. More general games advice for parents and guardians can be found at www.askaboutgames.com

Under the current rating system in the UK, some games for older players are rated by the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) at potentially 12, 15 and 18. It is an offence for a retailer to sell BBFC rated games to anyone younger than 12, 15 or 18 respectively.



Together, we can keep our children safe.

If you require any further information or if you have concerns about a child or you see something, please report it to a member of the Safeguarding Team in

School immediately or alternatively call **0300 555 2866** (Monday - Thursday, 8.45am - 5.15pm Friday, 8.45am - 4.45pm) or the Emergency Response Team on 0300 555 2922 or 0300 555 2836 during Evenings, weekends, bank holidays (out of hours).

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