

# Safeguarding Newsletter

Autumn 2019 edition



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the Autumn 'Safeguarding Newsletter'. Here at St Francis, we take safeguarding very seriously & want to work **together** with parents, carers and families to help to keep all the children 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. 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.

Mrs Wright

## St Francis Catholic Primary Safeguarding Team:



**Miss Richards**



**Mrs Wright (Temp DSL)**

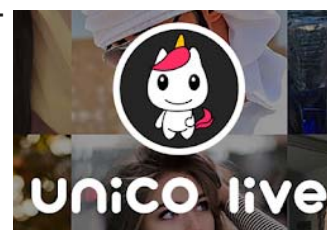


**Mr Turner**

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child please do not hesitate to contact us.

**West Midlands Police have been made aware of an App called "UNICO LIVE".** The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc.; it has come to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated.

The content does not appear to be monitored and we urge you to raise awareness widely to increase vigilance and reduce the likelihood of any child being sexually exploited.



## Internet Legends

To make the most of the internet, children need to make smart decisions. Be Internet Legends empowers younger children to use the web safely and wisely, so they can be confident explorers of the online world.

In school children are learning the importance of being sharp and thinking before they share, being alert and checking the information is real, being secure and protecting information, being kind by respecting others and being brave when things need to be discussed with trusted adults.

The website below has games for your children to play and information for you on how to keep your children safe on line:



[https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en\\_uk](https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk)

## Preventing Radicalisation

Information taken from NSPCC Website

Children can be exposed to different views and receive information from various sources. Some of these views may be considered radical or extreme.

Radicalisation is the process through which a person comes to support or be involved in extremist ideologies. It can result in a person becoming drawn into terrorism and is in itself a form of harm.

Extremism is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. It includes calls for the death of members of the British armed forces (HM Government, 2011).

Challenging and tackling extremism needs to be a shared effort (HM Government, 2013). For this reason, the Government has given some types of organisations in England, Scotland and Wales a duty to identify vulnerable children and young people and prevent them from being drawn into terrorism.

However, all organisations that work with children and young people have a responsibility to protect children from harm. This includes becoming radicalised and/or being exposed to extreme views.

Here at St Francis we take our responsibilities seriously and have policies in place to show we are following our legal duty to prevent radicalisation. Alongside this, in the Spring term, children in Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in a 'Keeping Safe' workshop and children in Year 5 will be taking part in the 'Prevent workshop' which was delivered to our Year 6 children last year.

For more information on Radicalisation and The Prevent Duty please visit the website below:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/radicalisation#the-prevent-duty>

**Youth Support Services**



# Are you a young carer?



**Are you under the age of 18?**

**Do you spend a lot of time looking after someone in your family who has a physical disability, ill health, or misuses substances?**

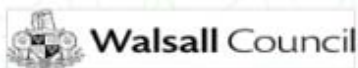
**If the answer to the above is YES, then you may be a young carer and there are services in Walsall available to help you**

**Current members have said through our service they can “Have fun” “Be Yourself” “Make Friends” “Talk to someone” “Have a break” “Help your self esteem/boost confidence”**



**Meeting weekly at Myplace  
60 Walstead Road West Walsall  
Wednesday 5.30 till 8pm**

**To find out more information contact Myplace on 01922 655419**



**Positive activities**

A young carer is someone, aged 18 years or under, who helps look after a relative. They may do extra jobs around the home, such as cooking, cleaning, or helping someone get dressed or move around. Along with all these extra jobs they may also give emotional support to their relatives.

If you are require more information about young carers and the support available in Walsall visit the website below:

<http://childrens-services.webwalsall.com/parent/young-carers/>

## Some Useful websites

The information on the following websites will help you and your children to stay safe online. Please monitor your children's internet usage.

### Social networking safety

Help and advice to manage your account settings to ensure privacy and to report any problems.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/help/safety>

Instagram: <https://help.instagram.com/>

Twitter: <https://support.twitter.com/articles/76036-safety-keeping-your-account-secure>

Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/yt/policyandsafety/?rd=1>

**CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)** - Help and advice for parents/carers and young people. Make a report to CEOP.

<http://ceop.police.uk/>

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

**UK Safer Internet Centre** - Help and advice for parents/carers and young people.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources>

**The Parent Zone** - Digital Parenting magazine and articles.

<http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/parent>

[http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/parent/information/digital\\_parenting](http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/parent/information/digital_parenting)

- Contact Social Care: During Office hours: 03005552866
- Emergency Duty team: 03005552836
- Contact Police: For urgent action: 999
- To report a crime: 101
- **Walsall Street Teams - Specialist provider of CSE work with children, young people, parents and carers** - <http://street-teams.org/> 01922 621208
- **SeeMe-HearMe**-West Midlands CSE Partnership website for further information and advice about CSE visit [www.seeme-hearme.org.uk](http://www.seeme-hearme.org.uk)
- **Barnardo's**-For confidential help and advice call-0121 359 5333
- **NSPCC** -Advice and support - call 0808 800 5000 or visit [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

- **PACE**-Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation - support for concerned families visit [www.paceuk.info](http://www.paceuk.info)
  - **Childline**-Visit [childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk) to have an online chat with a counsellor or call 0800 1111
  - **National CSE Helpline**-A 24/7 helpline for people to call or text anonymously, call 116 000.
  - **This is Abuse**-Information on abusive relationships for teenagers, visit [www.thisisabuse.direct.gov.uk](http://www.thisisabuse.direct.gov.uk)
  - [www.victimfocus.org.uk](http://www.victimfocus.org.uk)
- ESAFETY ADVICE:**
- [www.ceop.gov.uk](http://www.ceop.gov.uk)
  - [www.iwf.org.uk](http://www.iwf.org.uk)
  - [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

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May I please remind you that your child must be 13+ to access this site. If we see any child in our school following us on our page, we will delete them.

