



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Safeguarding Newsletter- Spring 2021

Each term we will bring the latest safeguarding developments and information to you in order that we all work together to keep our school community safe.

Safeguarding Responsibilities

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Harrop
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Mental Health First Aiders	Mrs Harrop, Mrs Tiernan, Mrs Sutton, Mrs Farrell, Mrs Castro, Mrs Gee and Mrs Robinson.
Emergency First Aiders	All staff
Wellbeing Champions	Mrs Sheldon, Mrs Bullock, Mr Nichols, Miss Sheppard, Mrs Conway, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Raw.
Safeguarding Governor	Mrs Donnachie
Online safety Governor	Mrs Butler
Health and Safety Governor	Mr Thorgaard

Online Safety Edition

Mobiles, tablets and computers

Lots of mobiles, tablets and computers come with settings that help you to manage what your child can and cannot see or do online.

You can:

- Check things like location settings and what information your child is sharing.
- Get more advice about setting up controls on different devices from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) and mobile providers.

Your home internet

Home internet providers can offer parental controls for your child. You can:

- Use a filter from your internet provider to control the content that you and your family see.
- Set up any device connected to your home broadband. How you do, this depends on your provider and you will need to access your home router. You can visit [Internet Matters](#) website for step-by-step guides on how to do this.
- Make sure your child uses the internet through WiFi instead of through 3G, 4G or 5G. Otherwise parental controls will not work.

Games consoles

Most games consoles have internet access, which means your child can go online and chat with other players or make in-game purchases. The controls on your games console help you to manage what your child can and cannot do.

On some devices, you can:

- set up different profiles for each family member
- deactivate the internet
- Turn off chat functions to stop your child from talking to people they do not know.

Film, music and TV subscriptions

To help prevent your child seeing upsetting or inappropriate content online, you can:

- Explore with your child what they are doing online before they do it, so that you can decide what's age-appropriate together.
- Set up parental controls on smart TVs and services like Netflix, Sky, BBC iPlayer and YouTube, so your child can only watch age-appropriate shows and TV.

Search engines

Sometimes, innocent searches can lead to not so innocent results.

If you are worried:

- Make sure the content your child sees online is appropriate for their age by using parental controls and filters in search engines like Google, Yahoo and Bing.
- You visit [Internet Matters](#) for more information on how to do this.

WiFi and being away from home

The controls you have set up on your child's device and your home broadband won't work if they use 3G or 4G, public WiFi or log onto a friend's connection instead.

Remember:

- Public WiFi is often available when you are out and about, but it's not always safe.
- Some public places and businesses offer family-friendly WiFi. When you see the family-friendly WiFi symbol, it means there are filters to stop children from seeing [inappropriate or upsetting content](#).
- [talk with your child](#) and agree what they can and can't do online. If your child's visiting friends or family remember that they might not have the same controls set up.

Social media, apps and games

It can be hard to keep track of all the apps, games or social media networks your child may be using and what they are.

It can help to:

- Remember some apps let young people send messages to each other or store personal information. Others are for [playing games](#) or having fun.

- Talk with your child about their privacy settings and explore different social networks, apps and games together.
- Use Net Aware, in partnership with O2, to help you set up parental controls on popular apps and networks.

Support to set up parental controls

Talking to your child so that you understand what they are doing online can help you to explain and protect them from any risks, such as grooming and seeing inappropriate content.

For further support, you can:

- Call our O2 NSPCC Advice Line on 0808 800 5002 for advice on apps, sites, games and online safety.
- Visit an O2 Guru in store – our trained advisors can help you set up parental controls.
- Use Net Aware to have a look at the apps, sites and games children like to play online.

Stay Safe Online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the Internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.
- M MEET** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE** Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.
- T TELL** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

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