

SAFE GUARDING BULLETIN ISSUE 3.

Welcome to the third safeguarding bulletin and the first for this academic year. Last academic year two safeguarding bulletins were issued.

The first issue came out in March 2010 and contained information about iphones; facebook; parent's safety talk and the new drug Mephedrone.

The second issue in May 2010 was a special issue focusing on online security and included security on line risks and how to restrict information; Zip it, Block it, Flag it- Government campaign; and keeping your child safe. Both back issues are available for viewing on the safeguarding section of our website.

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1. Esafety focus-Autumn Term 2010

Lessons on e-safety will be programmed into all year groups in the school except the nursery.

Pre prep

Children in this section of the school will be used to playing games on the computer on sites such as cbeebies but they also may be playing on other online games based around cartoon characters

In the pre-prep the emphasis will again be on not giving anyone your personal information. We discuss what personal information is. They will also be taught that you should not be rude or unpleasant to people or characters on the internet. The session is based around the cartoon film 'Lee and Kim's magic adventure.' Children are also encouraged to tell an adult if they feel uncomfortable (or get butterflies in their tummy) about any online conversations.

Prep school -7-11

Children increasingly start to use the internet to talk to other people, examples of communication include skype, and MSN messaging. Increasing we are also finding that a small number of year 6 children are joining facebook

even though the minimum age is 13. In year 6 there is usually a considerable level of parental monitoring of the facebook contacts.

The e-safety in the prep school will involve looking at a CEOP film about a young girl who experiences cyberbullying. We will also talk about the need to keep personal information private. This year we will include information about safely downloading games and information (including asking permission first). Again the emphasis is on telling someone such as parents if they feel uncomfortable about any conversations they may have online.

Senior school

Facebook and mobile phones become surgically attached to girls in the senior school. The word techo junkies is rather appropriate. Their friends on facebook number in the hundreds. They become blasé about the risks as they feel that they would be able to tell if people weren't who they said they were. They want to tell the world of their every thought and move. As they get older, monitoring by parents seems to decrease.

So far in the sessions that have already been delivered, there is a good awareness of keeping safe when using facebook. The message from last year sees to have got through loud and clear. Reminders about the effects of cyberbullying will be discussed and this year selected information (depending on the year group), will be given about Spam, phishing, viruses, validity of information from the internet for homework, awareness about the amount personal information on the internet and the dangers of identity theft, and malware.

Increasingly now your children will be able to buy online using their mobile phone credit. We will discuss how to avoid being the victims of online fraud. (Have you had the email yet from the Nigerian prince wanting to use your account to transfer his millions out of the country and giving you the interest in return).

2. New mobile phone policy

We have now added a discrete policy about mobile phones to our school policies. This can be found on the policies section of our website. To summarise the main points:

- Year 7 are being asked to hand in their mobile phones at the start of the day and get them back at then end of the day.
- Mobiles phones are not meant to be used during the day by any pupil and will be confiscated if they are seen being used.
- Earphones and MP3 players are not allowed to be used during the day.

- We have specifically stated that mobile phones must not be used to take any inappropriate photos, connect to the internet outside the school firewall, or used for cyberbullying.
- Staff have also been asked not to use phones during lessons or walking around school. The rules about the misuse of phones will also apply to them.
- The mobile phone remains the responsibility of the pupil at all times and the school cannot bear any responsibility for damage or loss.

If you are concerned about the unrestricted access of your child's iphone to the internet, then you can programme in parental restrictions. Website addresses are available in section four.

3. Alcohol Awareness

As part of the PCCE programme in the senior school this year we have invited PC Nick Taylor to give a half day workshop on alcohol awareness to Ks4 and sixthform on Friday 15th October.

4. Useful Websites

Parental Control for iphones

http://www.ehow.com/how_4527941_iphone-tips-parental-controls-restrictions.html

<http://www.tipb.com/2009/04/13/iphone-101-set-parental-controls-iphone/>

Parental controls-general

www.opendns.com

CEOP (Child exploitation online protection) films

Jigsaw- 8-10 year olds

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_o8auwnJtqE&feature=channel

Matt thought he knew- 11-16yrs

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDBDUX7KPT0&feature=fvw>

Toms story- Cyberbullying

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNumIY9D7uY&feature=related>

Where's Klaus- Parents

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IOOn2wR8bU&feature=channel>

Consequences- 11-16yr olds

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hK5OeGeudBM&feature=channel>

Claire thought she knew- KS3

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5WEnqnq1Hk>

Lee and Kim's Adventure- 4-7 yr olds

The film is not available to the general public but you may like to see this trailer.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unIo2QVfO0w>

The CEOP website

www.thinkyounow.uk