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WELCOME

Welcome to our first edition of the Professional's Online Safety Newsletter. Each month, we will provide a wealth of advice, guidance, and information designed to assist your school in implementing and embedding online safety, ensuring it remains a top priority. We will address current and pertinent topics that will aid you in safeguarding your students and protecting them in their online activities and interactions.

Online safety should form a fundamental part of schools' safeguarding and child protection measures. By taking a whole school approach to online safety, you can help make sure all staff, governors, volunteers and parents know how they can help keep children safe online.

This month, our focus is on overall online safety in schools. We will explore the responsibilities of educational establishments in protecting children online and provide assistance and guidance for prioritising online safety as we begin the new year.

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TEACHING ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

This non-statutory guidance from the Department for Education provides schools with a framework to help their students learn about online safety and appropriate behavior, integrating these lessons into the current curriculum requirements.

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ONLINE SAFETY AND SCHOOLS

The NSPCC has produced some key information that will help you to:

- create e-safety policies and procedures that will help you mitigate risk and respond to concerns
- ensure teachers have the knowledge to teach students about e-safety
- provide advice on using social media
- support and include parents and carers by sharing helpful advice and resources
- review and update your e-safety provision on an ongoing basis.

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SAFER INTERNET DAY 2025

Safer Internet Day 2025 is scheduled for February 11th, 2025, with activities and learning centered around the theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'

Safer Internet Day stands as the UK's largest celebration of online safety. Each year, the UK Safer Internet Centre addresses a relevant online issue or theme that reflects the experiences of young people in the digital world. This year's focus will be on online scams, emphasising how young individuals can safeguard themselves and others, along with the support available to them.

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EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE

Developed by educational professionals, the Childnet Digital Leaders Programme offers engaging, informative, and enjoyable online learning modules that address the latest trends and issues in online safety. Young individuals navigate these modules on our gamified platform, empowering them with the skills necessary to not only succeed online but also to educate and support their peers.
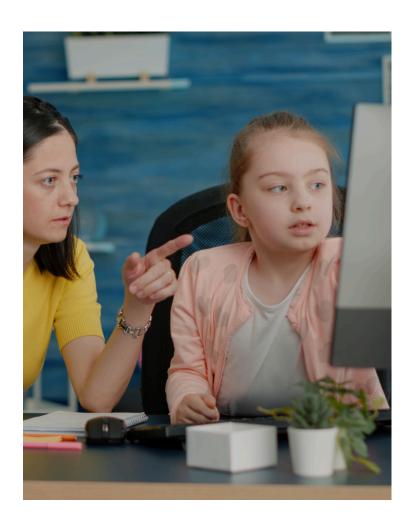
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FILTERING & MONITORING

Schools and colleges are legally obligated to ensure the safety of children and young people both online and offline. Governing bodies and owners must ensure that their institutions implement suitable filtering and monitoring systems, as outlined in the statutory guidance titled "Keeping Children Safe in Education." The UK Safer Internet Centre has produced a guide for educations meeting about establishing 'appropriate levels' of filtering and monitoring.

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REPORTING

There are times when we can come across something hurtful, damaging or upsetting when we are online. When we see something online that we know is harmful, it is time to take action and report it. The South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has a page dedicated to Online Reporting. It includes guidance on when should you make a report and who should you report to.

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