eSafety Newsletter Summer 2012

Welcome to our summer term newsletter which has a focus on engaging and promoting eSafety with parents and carers. Appropriate sections can be added to your newsletters or school website to help raise awareness and support parents with keeping their children 'Safe Online'. This information and news is shared with you on behalf of our HSCB eSafety group and has been developed to keep your school up-to-date with this evolving and challenging area of Safeguarding. Please do contact us if you would like to discuss any individual issues or receive specific information.

Promoting eSafety with parents and carers

EUKids Online have produced a number of reports over the last year. The latest report "How can parents support children's internet safety?" outlines ways in which parents and their children can share online activities. This helps to reduce children's exposure to online risks, whilst still enabling children to benefit from the wealth of online opportunities.
To read the full report visit: **http://bit.ly/HD7lxy**

To raise awareness and promote Safer Internet Day 2012, the eSafety HSCB Multi-agency group developed **Mind the Gap,** a conversation starter for parents. This provides a range of questions that parents can ask their children, together with a number of actions they can take today. Many schools have added this leaflet to their website or sent copies out to parents.   To download the resource: **http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/parents.shtml**

Many schools already have an eSafety statement in their **Home School** agreement. The statement below has been developed to support Headteachers Consortiums and offer a local united approach, but can also be adapted for your own school.

> *eSafety continues to be an important issue for children in Hertfordshire. The MultiAgency eSafety group in Hertfordshire, which consists of the police, child protection services, social services and education specialists, has provided a list of possible questions for parents to raise with their children, along with some information about how to keep your child safe at home. The **XXXXX** Headteacher Group support and promote this guidance, as it is hoped that by working together we can all help keep children safe, happy and confident users of technology.*
> **http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/parents.shtml#mindthegap**

Radio Verulum has a weekly programme on Thursday evenings specifically for parents, including a broadcast based around **Children and Online Games,** in which we participated. These programmes can be downloaded from: **http://bit.ly/lDr4OK**

CEOP have launched a new video specifically for parents and have also updated their parents section. This link can be included in your next newsletter**:
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/parentsguide/**

Further links for parents:
Childnet parents section **http://www.childnet-int.org/safety/parents.aspx** .
BBC Webwise – online safety for parents **http://bbc.in/JmYSKG**
Google Family Safety Centre **http://www.google.co.uk/familysafety/tips.html**
Vodafone Parents Guide http://parents.vodafone.com/

Safer Internet Day 2012

Hertfordshire schools, libraries, PCSOs and other local groups helped to make this annual event a great success. Children across the county know the key eSafety messages, such as 'ThinkB4Upost' and 'Keep personal details private' but sometimes forget to follow the advice!

Cyberbullying

This area continues to cause concern and can involve children, staff, parents and carers. Beatbullying have published their latest findings in a report 'Progress and Challenges in the Fight against Cyberbullying. To read the full report **http://bit.ly/IDWSBA**

CHILDWISE Monitor Report
This annual survey of children's media use, brand attitudes and purchasing habits identifies some interesting trends which most schools will recognise!

➢ **More than six in ten 5-16 year olds own their own PC or laptop,** with around one in ten claiming to have their own **iPad**
➢ **More than half of all 7-16 year olds can access the Internet in their own room**, up from just a fifth in 2005
➢ 7-16 year olds using the Internet do so on average for around **two hours a day**
➢ **Facebook** and **YouTube** remain the top favourite websites

eSafety and Data Security Policies
These Hertfordshire model policies have been reviewed and updated. A new section on social media has been added and changes made to the section related to the encryption of sensitive files, with most other changes minor. To download these policies and/or see the changes visit
http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/policies.shtml

Childnet Film Competition
This annual event is for children aged 7 – 16 years with a primary or a secondary theme. Pupils will need to plan and make a short film based around their theme. Resources are available for teachers to download. The closing date for the competition is 5pm on Friday 15th June 2012. For further details: **http://www.childnet.com/film-2012/default.aspx**

FILM COMPETITION 2012
Register your interest for the 2012 Childnet Film Competition, email: **film@childnet.com**

New KS4 eSafety tool kit from Childnet
The Upper Secondary Toolkit has been created by Childnet for pupils in Key Stage 4 and above. The toolkit contains two different resources: Advanced Project and 'Picture This' - a drama activity. All of these new resources link with PSHE and other curriculum areas.
http://childnet.com/kia/secondary/

Mobile Phones
Many children and young people have mobile phones which can be their door to the internet. Mobile phone theft and Cyberbullying bullying are a concern for children and their parents. Hertfordshire police recommend that mobile phones are registered at this website
http://www.immobilise.com/ Resources and guidance can be found at:
ChildLine **http://bit.ly/lkkjy0** and Kidsmart **http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/mobiles/**

Identity Theft – Often called Frapping (Facebook Raping) by young people
Munch, Poke, Ping was a report produced by Stephen Carrick-Davies specifically about vulnerable young people and their use of social media. Recently a video, lesson plans and activities have been added to the website. These can be used within the PSHE curriculum
http://www.carrick-davies.com/mpp/whos-this

Online Safety and Sex & Relationships Education (SRE) Meeting
This is a growing area of concern and increasingly in the news. A recent Independent Parliamentary Inquiry into **Online Child Protection** outlined a number of concerns
http://bit.ly/Jyl2gh. To support schools to keep up-to-date with this challenging area we are holding a short meeting for PSHE and SRE coordinators, teachers and governors on
14th June or 26th June. For further information: **http://bit.ly/ICPgks**

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