

Hurst Green Primary School third Safeguarding newsletter

Safeguarding is all about us working together to make sure that children, young people and adults are safe and protected, free from harm, abuse or neglect. If you are worried, concerned or scared about the way you, or someone you know is being treated, or is treating themselves, don't keep it to yourself, tell us.

This newsletter looks at keeping your child safe online.



Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally on the 11th February **2020** with the **theme**: Together for a better **internet**. The **day** is a great opportunity to spark a conversation about the **safe** and responsible use of technology, and to inspire young people to create a better **internet** for the future.

We are committed to improving e-Safety not only in school but at home as well. If you would like to talk to a member of staff about any questions or concerns about internet use in school or at home, do not hesitate to get in touch. The school e-safety coordinator is **Mr. South**.

Children at Hurst Green use the Internet on a regular basis as part of their learning. In school, we have regular 'e-safety' activities to remind children of the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

At home, sometimes children can be given unsupervised access to the Internet. This, potentially, allows them to access all kinds of society (both good and bad) and bring them virtually into their homes.

These are the current issues in school:

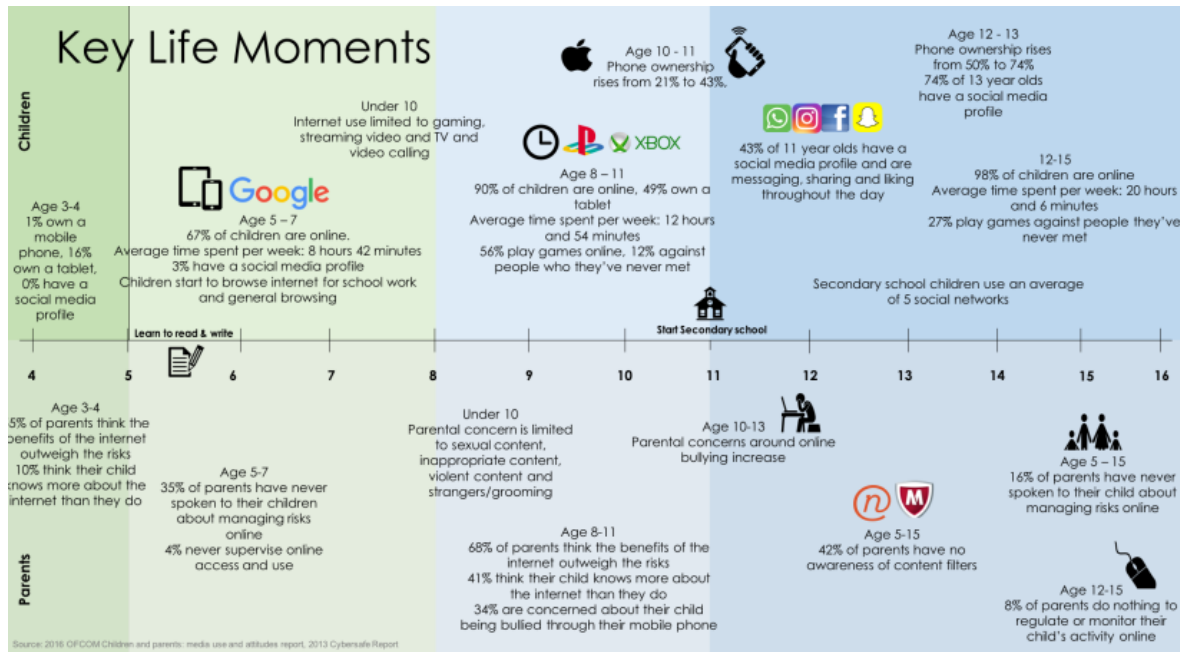
Key Stage 1

No specific issues. Although some reports of children playing the age inappropriate 'Fortnite' game. This game is rated as 12 due to social content and violence. We recommend that primary aged children- do not play the online game.

Key Stage 2

Most of the issues within Year 5/6 are associated to mobile phones and messaging app such as Instagram and What's app.


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Here are 5 safety tips to help you to keep your children safe online:

1. Prioritise safety 


Teach children not to give out personal information, like their name, address, telephone number, or which school they go to.

2. Set parental controls. 

Agree a list of websites your child is allowed to visit, and remember to check the minimum age limit on services like Facebook and YouTube.

3. Discuss their activity. 

Take an interest in their online world. Talk to them about their favourite websites, videos, and their online friends.

4. Set boundaries. 

Establish time limits for activities such as using the internet and games consoles. Make sure to set aside time for "unplugged" family activity.

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Be open.

Let them know that they can tell you about anything that happens on the internet, and that you will listen without judgement.

Below are a list of websites that you may find useful:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew>
(Key stage 2)



Childline have developed a useful website aimed at under-12s which provides support and information on a variety of topics including staying safe, bullying, your body & feelings.

The site includes a number of fun activities and creative tools children can use.

Take a look at the resource at <https://www.childline.org.uk/kids>

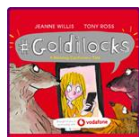


You can find the tips at [Internet Matters Grandparents](https://www.internetmatters.org/grandparents-guide-to-online-safety)



The CBBC Stay Safe website contains lots of useful tips and entertaining clips for addressing a variety of online safety issues with children including Bullying, Social Media, Age limits and Gaming.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk.edgesuite.net/cbbc/curations/stay-safe>



A useful resource for use with younger children, #Goldilocks is a modern twist on the classic fairy tale. The online resource from Vodafone includes a free e-book and fun activity sheet, which can help to educate younger children about the potential consequences of being unkind or oversharing images in a light-hearted way. Access the #Goldilocks resource at: www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/digital-resilience-toolkit/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/online-safety-under-5s.pdf>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

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<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.netSMARTkids.org/>

<https://www.nsteens.org/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/stay-safe-useful-links>

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We have recently been made aware by West Midlands police :

West Midlands Police has 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.

If you are concerned about a child or young person, please call the telephone numbers below. Alternatively, you can raise a concern with one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads in school, but please do not delay seeking help from the numbers below if the school is closed.

- During office hours call the children's services service on **0300 555 0050 selecting option 4** (9:00 – 5:00 Mon-Fri).
- Out of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574**.
- **In an emergency call 999.**

If you contact Dudley safeguarding you will speak to a professional who will listen to your concerns. They may take a few details and might need to contact you again but your concern will be dealt with quickly and appropriately.

You do not need to provide your name or give contact details if you do not wish to do so. Anonymous calls will not be ignored.

Alternatively you can contact the NSPCC on **0800 800 5000** or email them by visiting their website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Safeguarding Leads in school:

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