

Safeguarding Newsletter

Spring 2019 edition



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the Spring Safeguarding Newsletter. Here at St Francis, we take safeguarding very seriously & want to work **together** with parents, carers and families to help to keep all the children here at St Francis safe. Please do not be offended if we seem to be asking questions -we are doing our job and adhering to our Duty of Care in making sure that our children are happy and safe both in and out of school.

I will be going on maternity leave in the Summer term so this will be my last safeguarding newsletter for a while. Mrs Wright will be taking over the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in my absence. I know she will do a fantastic job and has received plenty of training and an intensive transition over the past few months to ensure she is well-equipped to deal with all of your safeguarding concerns, issues & needs. Therefore our school is very confident that I leave you all in very safe hands!

As always, if there are any concerns, or if you are interested in learning more about a particular issue, please let me or Mrs Wright know and we will feature information in the next newsletter.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Cox

We held a PACE workshop for parents on Tuesday 5th March 2019 that was well attended by parents and we received very positive feedback. (Thank you to all those who came and filled in evaluations!) A lot of information was shared during the workshop including where to go if you needed any advice or to report a case of Child Sexual Exploitation– this includes online grooming. Please find contact numbers and websites discussed on the day below. Please keep these for future reference– we're hoping you'll never have to use them but as clearly stated on the day **it could happen to anyone, anywhere, any time.**

- Contact Social Care: During Office hours: 03005552866
- Emergency Duty team: 03005552836
- Contact Police: For urgent action: 999
- To report a crime: 101
- **Walsall Street Teams - Specialist provider of CSE work with children, young people, parents and carers - <http://street-teams.org/> 01922 621208**
- **SeeMe-HearMe**- West Midlands CSE Partnership website for further information and advice about CSE visit www.seeme-hearme.org.uk
- **Barnardo's**-For confidential help and advice call- 0121 359 5333
- **NSPCC** -Advice and support - call 0808 800 5000 or visit www.nspcc.org.uk

- **PACE**-Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation - support for concerned families visit www.paceuk.info
 - **Childline**-Visit childline.org.uk to have an online chat with a counsellor or call 0800 1111
 - **National CSE Helpline**-A 24/7 helpline for people to call or text anonymously, call 116 000.
 - **This is Abuse**-Information on abusive relationships for teenagers, visit www.thisisabuse.direct.gov.uk
 - www.victimfocus.org.uk
- ESAFETY ADVICE:**
- www.ceop.gov.uk
 - www.iwf.org.uk
 - www.internetmatters.org



There are a number of pupils who have signed up to our Twitter page. May I please remind you that your child must be 13+ to access this site. If we see any child in our school following us on our page, we will delete them.



St Francis Catholic Primary Safeguarding Team: Mrs Cox (DSL), Mrs Wright (Temp DSL),

Miss Richards, Mr Turner, Mrs Windridge & Mr Mulligan.

Safer Internet Day 2019


We celebrated Safer Internet Day 2019 on 5th February and each class were looking at a variety of areas of how to keep safe online. Topics included ensuring passwords are kept safe and not shared, what to do if approached by a stranger online etc.




Having conversations with your child about online safety, using parental controls, and creating the right settings gives today's digital parent peace of mind while still allowing your children the freedom to express their creativity. Remember... being open, honest and taking an interest in your child's online activities is key to understanding the ever-changing online world that poses both risk but also enjoyment when used safely.

You Tube Do you know who is watching your child?

Tips to keep your children safe on YouTube


<p>Register using a parent's email account: If your child is under the age of 13, they are required to use a parent's email to set up an account with the parent's consent.</p>	<p>Use a screen name instead of a real name: For privacy, make sure your child uses a fictitious (made up) name. They should NEVER disclose their personal information such as address, phone number, town or school name.</p>	<p>Turn off ability to comment: Inviting comments could lead to cyberbullying, trolling and much more. Limit this problem by disabling comments completely.</p>
<p>Monitor videos: Before your child starts posting YouTube videos, check out what they are doing on the videos. Make sure it's something you feel comfortable with and it is appropriate for others to view it.</p>	<p>Sign a family contract on house rules for social media and mobile devices use: It's a good foundation for an overall conversation about electronic and social media usage.</p> 	<p>Change the privacy settings to private or unlisted: YouTube give you three choices-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) PUBLIC which is the default setting 2) PRIVATE meant that only you and those you invite to view videos can see what you post 3) UNLISTED means your video will not come up in search results

Apps to be aware of:



Twitch is a live video game website meant for children who are 13+. Lots of our children have said they are using it! It allows users to watch playbacks of games being played by other people. It can also live stream their own games and allow them to chat to other gamers. Users can follow channels and games they want to keep track of. Twitch allows live streaming.

Risks: Streamed censoring can be challenging to monitor, strangers can send messages and communicate, strangers can watch and listen to conversations.



TikTok was the world's most downloaded app in the first quarter of 2018. It was made by the same owners of music.ly so children who had an account on this will automatically be transferred to TikTok. It allows users the ability to watch musical clips, create short clips up to 60 seconds and add special effects to them. App is meant for children aged 13+.

Risks: All accounts are public allowing anybody to view what your child shares. Strangers can comment on user's videos and send them private messages.