



St John's
Catholic Specialist School

St John's Safeguarding Newsletter

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THANK YOU ALL

Yet again, it has been another busy term for the DSL team, lots of new information on filtering and monitoring as part of KCSiE as well as fully utilising CPOMS for safeguarding reporting. We, as always, want to thank you for your hard work and vigilance with our young people, we really do appreciate everything you do. New for next term, we are going to embark on more regular safeguarding quizzes with prizes to make sure valid learning is not lost and reminders are more frequent than training or newsletters. Thank you for those of you who have completed these before. Please complete the Quiz link attached with this newsletter on email for a news years' prize!

Merry Christmas one and all

REMINDERS ON INTERNET SAFETY AND FILTERING AND MONITORING IN SCHOOL.



1. Understand the specific policy and guidelines regarding internet usage put in place by the school. This will help you act in accordance with the rules and regulations.
2. Model Responsible Behaviour: Set a good example for students by demonstrating appropriate internet usage habits. Be mindful of the websites you visit, the content you share, and the language you use online.
3. Maintain Professionalism: Remember that your online activities reflect on the school. Avoid engaging in any behaviour or sharing content that could compromise your professional image or reputation.
4. Think Before You Click or Share: Always think twice before clicking on links, downloading files, or sharing information. Be cautious of phishing attempts, suspicious websites, and potentially harmful content.
5. Respect Privacy and Confidentiality: Safeguard student and staff privacy by refraining from sharing personal or sensitive information. Respect confidentiality and avoid discussing confidential matters online.
6. Report Suspected Misuse: If you notice any suspicious or inappropriate internet usage, promptly report it to the appropriate school authority. This helps maintain a safe and secure online environment.
7. Stay Updated on Internet Safety: Keep yourself informed about the latest internet safety trends, risks, and best practices.
8. If you see surf protect notifications in school when supporting pupils, be professionally curious, ask what they were looking at.
9. Let us know if the filtering and monitoring is having an adverse impact on education, what is being flagged up, we can set parameters and make changes to enhance learning
10. We are currently developing a DSL audit and risk assessment, this is a very strategic piece of work so may take time and support, with some of our IT colleagues. We will keep you posted.
11. If in doubt report

PREVENT OVERVIEW



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The Prevent Duty is a legal obligation that requires schools to have due regard to preventing people from being drawn into terrorism. The objective is to identify and support individuals who may be vulnerable to extremist ideologies and provide the necessary guidance and assistance. This initiative aligns with our school's commitment to protecting the well-being and future of our students, ensuring they grow up as active, engaged members of society.

As educators, we are in a unique position to identify signs of vulnerability that may indicate a student's possible exposure to extremist ideologies. It is essential to remain attentive to any changes in behavior, appearance, or engagement with controversial online content. Open communication channels between staff, students, and parents create the foundation for early intervention and support.

Embracing the Prevent Duty is not an additional burden but an integral aspect of our mission as educators. By understanding these responsibilities and working collectively, we can create an environment that nurtures our students' growth, well-being, and resilience. Together, we can build a stronger, safer, and more inclusive community.

Prevent news

The prevent duty has been updated and will be in force from the 31st December 2023. For the new guidance please click the below link. Training to follow in the new year.

[Prevent duty guidance: Guidance for specified authorities in England and Wales \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/115444/prevent-duty-guidance-for-specified-authorities-in-england-and-wales.pdf)



NUDES AND SEMI NUDES

As a group of professionals, we wanted to remind you of the process around nudes and semi nudes when working with young people.

DO	DON'T
Do explain to them that you need to report it and reassure them that they will receive support and help from the DSL	Do not delete the imagery or ask the young person to delete it.
Report it to your Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) immediately.	Never view, copy, print, share, store or save the imagery yourself, or ask a child to share or download – this is illegal
If you have already viewed the imagery by accident (e.g. if a young person has showed it to you before you could ask them not to), report this to the DSL (or equivalent) and seek support.	Do not ask the child/children or young person(s) who are involved in the incident to disclose information regarding the imagery. This is the responsibility of the DSL (or equivalent).
	Do not share information about the incident with other members of staff, the young person(s) it involves or their, or other, parents and/or carers.
	Do not say or do anything to blame or shame any young people involved.

WHEN TO CALL THE POLICE

You may recall in previous safeguarding training I went through a document called, “when to call the police” This generally helps DSL’s triage information and make safe decisions on when we would need police involvement, you can check too, we are always open to challenge. Perhaps we have missed something. Have a look at the link to see more. Why not save the document as a key reminder when allegations occur in your working areas?

[CYP-schools-guide.pdf \(safe4me.co.uk\)](https://www.safe4me.co.uk/cyp-schools-guide.pdf)



CODE OF CONDUCT 2023

We have updated our code of conduct and would like you all to take a look at this, it is vital for our own learning and development we familiarize ourselves with what is acceptable and unacceptable in our setting. I have attached the document for ease of reading.

FINAL SAFEGAURDING QUIZ OF THE YEAR.

As a team of DSL's we have taken the decision that we will be sending out a quiz every half term, it may capture the information you have covered in training, PHSE, and general newsletter updates. We want as many of you to enter as possible so we can assess learning, training needs and direct our time and resources to important areas for you all. Prizes on offer for 1st, 2nd and 3rd 😊. Helen Keedy always says, you have to be in it to win it so here we are.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0GlpHhuApke-G4ozgnR-c1KEUdskN49HpBsKdaNfd4VUOUFBUTU4V1RCRDhVUIpPMktHVINaWVpKNS4u>

MERRY XMAS ONE AND ALL

Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to keeping the young people safe, we say it every term but we really do mean it. Because of you all we are securing our young people's future and that is the reason we exist. Now go and be merry and bright. THE DSL TEAM X