

July 2022

WPS Parents' Safeguarding Newsletter

Jessie and Friends (4 to 7 year olds)

CEOP have released their brand new website, Jessie and Friends for children aged 4-7, their parents and carers, which aims to equip them with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to stay safer online. The website is interactive and helps children recognise worrying, upsetting or scary situations to reinforce the message to 'tell a grown up'.

You can check out the new website [HERE](#) and there is a parents guide [HERE](#).

Goldilocks

An old but still a very good resource for younger children, Goldilocks is a modern twist on the classic fairy tale for parents to discuss all things social media with their children. It is free (PDF download) and there is an activity sheet to go with it. This is a good way to open up those all-important discussions with the children.

You can download from the Vodafone website [HERE](#).



YouTube Restrictions

YouTube (Google) have been updating some of their features over the last year and some of these changes are very positive. To help parents understand more about these features you can access 5 short videos (from YouTube) which cover the following:

- Parent Allow listing (this is a fantastic new feature).
- Selecting content based on the age of the child.
- How to approve what your children can watch.
- Limiting screen time.
- Supervised experience (the ability to set a filtering level based on the age of the child).



You can access the videos [HERE](#)

WhatsApp Group Chats (Primary)



A number of primary aged learners are starting using WhatsApp, please be mindful that the minimum age of use for WhatsApp is 16 years old. It had previously dropped to 13 years old but in April 2018 returned to 16.

Like many age restrictions on social media apps, some children may choose ignore this and sign up for WhatsApp when they're younger. For example, the year 5 children in the video below are talking about being 'kicked', why do people do this, how does it make that person feel and is it bullying?

To watch the video click [HERE](#).

The Dark Web Explained – For Staff and Parents Only

The CEOP Education Team have put together a dark web explainer video in collaboration with the Children's Society and the Marie Collins Foundation, including factsheets for professionals, parents and carers. The video briefly explains what the dark web is, why young people might want to go on it and what to do if a young person has accessed it.

Important: this video is NOT for learners.

You can access the staff and parents versions [HERE](#).

County Lines

County lines is the name given to drug dealing where organised criminal groups (OCGs) use phone lines to move and supply drugs, usually from cities into smaller towns and rural areas.

They exploit vulnerable people, including children and those with mental health or addiction issues, by recruiting them to distribute the drugs, often referred to as 'drug running'. Please be aware that this is happening in Northamptonshire.

[County Lines in Northamptonshire](#)

Simon Aston – Online Safety

During the Summer Term we had a visit from Simon Aston, Northamptonshire's e-safety and wellbeing officer. Simon held a session for all primary year groups about how to keep safe online.

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the evening session, feedback has been very positive. Simon often posts useful information for parents on his Twitter Page. You can follow Simon by typing in @NCCcybersafe

Children are being exploited by gangs involved in drug crime. Know the signs to spot.

County lines gangs use children and vulnerable people to courier drugs and money. A young person who is involved in county lines activity might exhibit some of these signs:

- Personality going through rapid change, or having a change in attitude
- Unexplained acquisition of money, clothes or mobile phones
- Excessive number of mobile or group calls
- Relationships with controlling or older individuals in gangs
- Living in a dangerous area
- Reduction of school attendance or engagement in school
- Physical concerns
- Significant decline in school performance
- Significant changes in behaviour and mood

Call police on 101 or 999 in an emergency if you have any concerns about a child being exploited by a gang. Alternatively you can call independent charity CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 101.

Home Office | VIPER | CrimeStoppers



Northamptonshire Police

Did you know you can anonymously tell the police about an area in Northamptonshire where you or your child have felt unsafe.

It does not matter whether a crime has taken place or not, please let the police know by using the online tool below:

<https://www.northants.police.uk/notices/street-safe/street-safe/>

**NEW STREET
SAFE TOOL**

making everyone feel
safer on our streets

POLICE.UK/STREETSAFE

Online Safety for 11 - 18s (CEOP)

CEOP has created a new website for teenagers called 'The internet, relationships & you' and offers advice on socialising online, online safety, getting support and sexual content online. CEOP is a part of the National Crime Agency.

The website can be found here: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_18

Tik Tok

Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok (Commonsense Media)

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

TikTok app safety - What parents need to know (Internet Matters)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>



Water Safety

The recent hot weather has encouraged young people to cool off in water. Unsuitable rivers and quarries hide dangers below, not taking into account the hazards of freezing cold water and currents.

Teenagers can be drawn in by peers and a keenness for risky behaviors. In June a 16-year old boy drowned in a river in Buckinghamshire.

See here: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/jun/25/body-boy-16-pulled-from-jubilee-river-taplow-buckinghamshire>

With the summer holidays approaching please speak to your child about water safety especially around local lakes and rivers.

Click here to watch the video on teaching children to float or click here to visit the RNLI campaign page.

An area often overlooked or taken for granted when it comes to water safety is that of hazards in the home particularly around paddling pools and hot tubs etc.

Please ensure children are supervised around all water based activities, It only takes a matter of moments for children to find themselves in difficulty.

Below is some helpful advice to protect you children at home:

- Consider fencing areas of water off to prevent accidental access.
- When children are playing around water, close and constant supervision is essential.
- Use safety gates/door locks to prevent children from going outside unnoticed
- Empty buckets/bathtubs/paddling pools when not in use

Click here for more information on water safety and preventing accidents around water in the home and outdoors.

Game and App Guides

[Fortnite](#)

[TikTok](#)

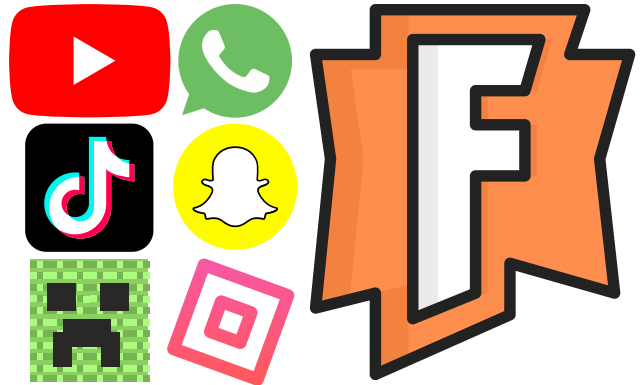
[Minecraft](#)

[What's App](#)

[Roblox](#)

[Youtube](#)

[Snapchat](#)



Safe Sleeping in Summer

A reminder to parents who may be away from home during the summer about good safe sleeping practices.

[Visit the NSCP website for safe sleeping information](#)

[Visit the Lullaby Trust for more safe sleeping information](#)



Safeguarding Team at Wootton Park School

We hope you have a lovely summer break, if you have any safeguarding concerns please contact a member of our safeguarding team using the details below;

- 07857801568
- 07857801573
- email: safeguarding@woottonparkschool.org.uk



Reporting a Safeguarding Concern

If you are concerned about the welfare or safety of a learner please speak to a member of the safeguarding team.



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**SUMMER
BREAK!**



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'Ipsum quod faciendum est diutius'

