

Our School Values
Mutual Respect, Honesty, Trust, Courage

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our **Safeguarding** Newsletter.

This half term's newsletter continues to focus on online safety.

This half term we have been made aware of children watching videos promoting hate and using apps that are not appropriate for their age.

Below are some links to websites to help support you at home to keep your children safe online.

If you have an urgent safeguarding concern, contact social care on 01609 780780 immediately.

Thank you,

Mrs Fletcher Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Metcalfe Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Online Safety

The 'Game' On Roblox

Recent reports have surfaced of a self-harm 'game' currently being shared through popular gaming platform, Roblox. inEQE's online safety team have identified that re-sharing on social media is currently the greatest risk this 'game' poses. Their Safeguarding Update discusses this game in more detail and how you can keep the young people in your care safe.

For more information visit the inEQE website: <https://ineqe.com/>

Keeping Children Safe on Smart Devices

Playing video games is an activity which many children and adults enjoy and can provide experiences that families can share. Many parents may feel assured that their children are not at risk of harm because they are at home enjoying playing games, but this may not necessarily be the case. Parents may feel that they are not technically minded and don't fully understand the dangers or how to protect their children. Banning children from using technology may feel an effective way of preventing the problem, but this can put them at a disadvantage from an educational point of view and potentially socially isolate your child(ren) from their friends.

For more information visit the NYSCP website.

Reporting online images of a child

If you become aware that a child has shared images of themselves online, it is important to know how to approach the situation and what can be done to get the image removed.

For more information visit the NYSCP website.

Useful websites for parent information (click on image for link):

