School Improvement Liverpool & Liverpool Safeguarding Children Board
Online Safety Update

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Welcome to issue 14 of the joint Online Safety Update brought to you by School Improvement Liverpool and Liverpool Safeguarding Children Board.

This half-termly update is for leaders and practitioners working with children and young people in schools and other settings across Liverpool.

The aim is to bring you relevant information to assist you in educating children and young people about how to keep themselves safe when using the internet and social media <u>and</u> for you to give them an increased awareness of digital risks.

If you would like to access the resources referenced in this update, you can locate them by going to this link: http://tinyurl.com/silonlinesafety1617

<u>Vodafone Digital Parenting Magazine</u>

The latest issue of Vodafone's Digital Parenting magazine (Issue 6) is now available to order (or download). Schools can order, free of charge, 50 or more copies of this very helpful annual magazine. When you order, make sure that you order sufficient copies for all of your staff as well as additional copies for your reception area.

(Some Liverpool schools have found it of benefit to download the pdf version of the magazine and then split up the articles to send out to parents during the course of the year)

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You can order copies from - https://parentzone.org.uk/Digital-Parenting-Magazine-order-here

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Children's Commissioner – Digital 5 A Day

"Having a healthy diet doesn't mean that you never eat pizza or chocolate again but it is important that you eat in moderation – along with your 5 fruits and veg a day! In the same way, you don't have to give up your smartphone forever to have a healthy diet."

The Children's Commissioner, Anne Longfield, launched the **Digital 5 A Day** initiative in August. In case you missed it, you can download further information here…

https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2017/08/06/digital-5-a-day/

Also from the Children's Commissioner and launched last week…

Digital citizenship – Young people's rights on social media

In today's increasingly digital world, it's more important than ever that our young people are able to understand and feel in control of their online rights. But more often than not, they're not even aware that they even have any.

The Children's Commissioner for England, working with TES and Schillings International law firm, have produced three teaching packs to help young people become more empowered digital citizens. Relevant to citizenship and computing curriculums around the world, these packs include lesson ideas and simplified T&Cs for five major social media sites.

So why not take a look and add another dimension to the way you speak to your children and young people about the opportunities that the internet, and particularly social media, have to offer?

There are three packs available to download for free for 7-11 years, 11-14 years and 14-16 years, respectively…

https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources/digital-citizenship

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Online Safety Live – Liverpool

Our annual Online Safety Live event, featuring speakers from the UK Safer Internet Centre will be taking place at Toxteth Annexe on **Monday 15th January 2018, from 9.30 am – 11.30 am**. This is a free event but **you must book via** – www.onlinesafetylive.com

Do come along and hear about the latest trends and emerging threats in Online Safety, from **Ken Corish** and **David Wright**, both international experts in keeping children and young people safer in the digital world.

Just a reminder, too, that the UK Safer Internet Centre is also responsible for the **Professionals Online Safety Helpline (POSH).** The POSH team can help with any online safety issues - privacy, online reputation, gaming, grooming, cyberbullying, sexting, inappropriate behaviour on social media and so on. As the only helpline in the UK solely dedicated to supporting the children's workforce, POSH are unique in their relationships within industry- having direct channels to escalate concerns to social media companies and many websites. The helpline is available to call or email Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm.

helpline@saferinternet.org.uk or **0344 381 4772**

TRUSTnet

Liverpool City Council is a partner organisation in the London Grid for Learning's **TRUSTnet** service. Even if your school is not using TRUSTnet as its ISP (internet service provider), you can still access its considerable Online Safety resources portal - https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/default.aspx

The Policies/Agreements section is a good place to start.

Dealing with Complaints against Schools and Settings by Parents or Carers on Social Networking Sites

Kent County Council's Online Safety Team have issued some very helpful advice on how schools and settings should respond to complaints and comments made on social networking sites by parents/carers.

You can find the advice here…
http://www.kelsi.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/73835/Complaints-on-Social-Networking-Sites.pdf

If you need any advice or support relating to Online Safety matters in your school or setting, please do not hesitate to contact me, I will always do my best to assist.

If you would like me to come into your school/setting to speak with groups of children, parents, staff or governors about Online Safety – please contact me (SIL charges apply).

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