



West Heath School

Online Safeguarding Booklet

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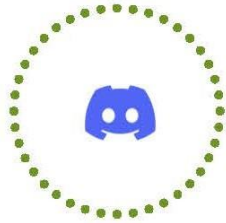


Useful Sites

- www.saferinternet.org.uk1
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents.....2
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Overview of Gaming Sites



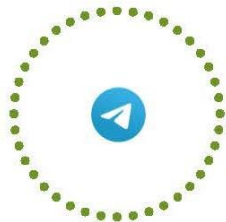
Discord

Discord is a platform for people with similar interests to share and communicate. It is popular among the gaming community as it offers a way for video game players to communicate with each other and develop a community outside of the games themselves.



Twitch

Twitch is a live streaming platform where millions of users can watch live streams of themselves or others video gameplay. Other available live streams include music, sports, and food.



Telegram

Telegram is a messaging app similar to Whatsapp and Facebook Messenger. It allows users to send messages on WiFi or mobile data. Users can send files of any type, make video calls and participate in group chats. Users can enable encryption and disappearing messages.





Safe Gaming

What to do?

- Don't reveal personal information.
- Be aware of online scams.
- Check the age rating of games.
- Consider who your child can communicate with.
- Revise internet/console filters

“Safeguarding all through education and care”

Talk to your child regularly

Talk to your child about staying safe online, take an interest in the games they're playing and see if you can play them together and agree which ones are appropriate.

If you're going to set limits on the amount of time a child can spend playing games, make sure these are clear and that you agree them together. You could try agreeing the number of rounds your child plays instead of a length of time.

Take time to play games with your children so that you can understand the features. You can find out if there is anything concerning you need to be aware of, or safety features or parental controls which should be enabled.



Don't Forget the Mission

Online Safety will always be a priority.

It may be a slight fright when looking into the details of online safety, but just remember; there's always organizations out there to lend a hand.

Parental controls are designed to help you manage your child's online activities. Parental controls can set online time restrictions for your child and create content filters to manage the content they see. Parental controls can be used across your broadband, Wi-Fi, apps, games consoles and personal devices including mobile phones and tablets. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought.

However, nothing is totally fool proof so they shouldn't replace the need for you to support and advise your child on online safety.





Online Abuse

Online abuse is a broad term that covers any type of abuse that happens on the internet. It can happen over email, through messaging apps (such as WhatsApp and Snapchat), on social networking sites (such as Facebook and Instagram) and on online gaming platforms (such as Xbox and Roblox). Many different types of online abuse exist including cyberbullying, sexual harassment, grooming and intimate image abuse.



How to Report

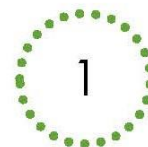
If you have been the victim of any of these types of abuse, you may be asking yourself questions such as: how do I deal with online abuse and prevent it from happening again? Can I report abuse online?

Use the following site to report:

[Submit a Report of Harmful Content \(reportharmfulcontent.com\)](http://reportharmfulcontent.com)

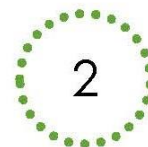


Keeping Children Safe in Education



Always Act

In the best interests of the child. Never promise confidentiality



Know How

To identify children who may benefit from early help.



Know the different

Types of abuse and neglect, so that you can identify children who may be in need of help or protection.





Who we are



At West Heath School, we believe that all students are entitled to be treated with dignity, courtesy and respect regardless of their age, race, gender or ability and will not tolerate any behaviour that is abusive to our students, whether it occurs at school and involves school staff or another student or has happened at the student's home or within another service or area of the student's life.

We are committed to actively enable our students to learn and achieve. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of each student, plays a really important part in helping our students achieve positive outcomes.

The safeguarding team at West Heath:

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