



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the second edition of our **Safeguarding Newsletter**. This is our Spring 1 2018 edition.



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Just to remind you, our aim is.....

- ✓ to provide a safe environment for children to learn in
- ✓ to provide effective support and provision to protect all our children
- ✓ to ensure communication is effective between staff, home, and external agencies
- ✓ to set down the correct procedures for those who encounter any issue of safeguarding
- ✓ to work in partnership with parents/carers to build understanding of safeguarding

### This half terms 'Hot Topics'

- **Tablet, Phone and iPad apps**



Please be aware of issues with privacy settings and age restrictions for applications. For example, the interactive gaming app, 'Roblox,' has now been set to a 12+ age limit when its previous setting was 4+. This game has private areas for children to be invited into, to 'talk' to other people. To help protect our children so they are not 'talking' to strangers, who may not be of the age they tell your child, we strongly advise you to use privacy settings, and monitor your child when they are online. We do not want our children to be put in a vulnerable situation when action to stop this can be taken.

You can find out more about how children use social media, the apps they use, the risks they face, how to use privacy settings, and advice and tips about how to talk to your children at:

- [www.childnet.com/sns](http://www.childnet.com/sns)
- [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)
- [www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)
- [www.parentzone.org.uk](http://www.parentzone.org.uk)
- [www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents)
- [www.askaboutgames.com](http://www.askaboutgames.com)

If you are concerned about any inappropriate behaviour online, contact CEOP: [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection). If you stumble across criminal, sexual or obscene content on the internet you should report it to the Internet Watch Foundation: [www.iwf.org.uk](http://www.iwf.org.uk)

- **Energy Drinks**



We have noticed that a small number of children are drinking energy drinks on the way into school or have told us that they are having energy drinks at night, or for breakfast. There is lots of medical research outlining the health dangers of this for children (and pregnant women). Not only do they have lots of sugar in them, but they can be dangerous to children's hearts.

Our children have bags of natural energy and do not need any stimulant. A good night's sleep and healthy meals give children what they need. If you would like to talk to any of our team about this, just get in touch with us. We are always here to help.

- **Photos and Videos during school performances**



We all have a duty of safeguarding in school. This means that we need to protect our children and prevent them being put in vulnerable situations. During school plays, productions, craft sessions etc, we will provide a 'safe' photo moment at the end of the event, whereby your child is on their own and not recorded with other children. Some children do not have permission to be photographed, or to be on the internet for personal reasons. We all need to respect these rights.

- **Social Media: age restrictions**



### Staying safe online

#### Useful websites and phone numbers for parents and carers

If you are worried or concerned about your child staying safe online it can help to find information and support that you can trust. As well as the websites and phone numbers below, parents and carers can always get help from Nottingham City Council by calling 0115 8764800. In an emergency always call the police on 999.

- **Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) agency** - [www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)
- **How to set Parental Controls** - [www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider)