

Safeguarding Newsletter for Families

October 2021



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Talk PANTS

With the help of our friendly dinosaur



Pantosaurus, Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse.

Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-forparents/pants-underwear-rule/

The Lullaby Trust



Our safer sleep advice gives simple steps for how you can sleep your baby to reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) which is commonly known as cot death. It can give you the peace of mind to enjoy this special time.

Our advice is based on strong scientific evidence and should be followed for all sleep periods, not just at night.

https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/safer-sleep-advice/

The 12 rules of Christmas

The variety of toys on offer means the occasional second-rate product can sneak onto the market. Always complete these 12 checks when buying for kids.

Look for the CE symbol

This means the manufacturer has assessed the toy for safety.



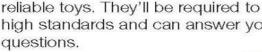
2 Check it's for kids

Festive novelties can look like toys. Keep them away from kids.



3 Reputation matters

Buy from suppliers who have a good reputation for safe and reliable toys. They'll be required to meet high standards and can answer your questions.



4 Beware of bargains

SALE

Jumble and car boot sales are a great place to get a good deal, but it's worth taking extra care. Worn or old toys may no longer be safe.

5 Check age restrictions

Toys are clearly marked with age restrictions. It's important to follow these as they relate to risks such as sharp points or choking hazards.

6 Consider special needs

When checking age restrictions, remember that children with special needs might be more vulnerable, and make sure to shop accordingly.

Choking hazards

Small parts and loose or shedding fabric or hair can be a choking hazard.



8 Loose parts

Loose ribbons on toys and costumes can also be dangerous, especially if a child is left unsupervised. Think before you buy.

9 Inspect your toy boxes

Check toys you already own to see if they're too worn. Wear and tear can expose sharp edges or filling. If it's a family favourite, get the toy properly repaired.

10 Supervise when you need to

Some toys like chemistry sets need an adult on hand during playtime. Read all the instructions so you know how to control any hazards.

Tidy up

Boxes, plastic bags and wire can be a hazard. Clear away all packaging once everything's unwrapped.

12 Celebrate a safe Christmas

Completing these checks when you shop in store and online can save you a lot of stress later. Just make sure to remember batteries (and dispose of these safely too)!



www.happymaps.co.uk

is an online hub to support

professional and parents with child and adolescent mental health and wellbeing.

HappyMaps⁹



A website for parents and carers. Reliable and up-to-date resources on emotional health for your children.

Playing Safe

A consumer's guide to the British Standard for toy safety (BS EN 71 series

Scan this QR code to access the guide





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Worried about your child's behaviour or mental health ?

Not sure where to start looking for help?

HappyMaps will guide you to websites, books, videos and Apps to help you and your child, plus there is information on being referred for specialist help, how to find counselling and parent support.



FIFTEEN APPS

PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

MEETME



MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS. USERS ARE ENCOURACED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.

GRINDR



GRINDR IS A DATING APP GEARED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSCENDER PEOPLE THE APP CIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S CPS LOCATION.

SKOLI



SKOUT IS A
LOCATION-BASED
DATING APP AND
WEBSITE. WHILE USERS
UNDER 17-YEARS-OLD
ARE UNABLE TO SHARE
PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS
CAN EASILY CREATE AN
ACCOUNT USING A
DIFFERENT AGE.

WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP IS A
POPULAR MESSAGING
APP THAT ALLOWS
USERS TO SEND TEXTS,
PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS
AND VIDEO CHATS
WORLDWIDE WHATSAPP
USES AN INTERNET
CONNECTION ON SMART
PHONES AND
COMPUTERS.

TIKTOK



TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS, WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

BADOO



BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY. TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.

BUMBLE



BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP TINDER HOWEVER. IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.

SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR. NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24

KIK



KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

LIVE.ME



LIVE.ME IS A
LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO
APP THAT USES
GEOLOCATION TO SHARE
VIDEOS SO USERS CAN
FIND OUT A
BROADCASTER'S EXACT
LOCATION. USERS CAN
EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY
TO 'PAY MINORS FOR
PHOTOS

HOLLA



HOLLA IS A
SELF-PROCLAIMED
'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT
APP THAT ALLOWS
USERS TO MEET PEOPLE
ALL OVER THE WORLD IN
JUST SECONDS.
REVIEWERS SAY THEY
HAVE BEEN
CONFRONTED WITH
RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT
CONTENT AND MORE.

WALTH SENERGY



WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

ASK.FM



ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING, THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

CALCULATOR%



ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.

CALCULATOR% IS ONLY

HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS, THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.

Our Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Catherine Stratton



Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Alice Cowles



Designated Wider safeguarding Team:

Family Support worker:

Theresa Miller



Safeguarding Governor:

Linda Hawbrook



Contact Number for the Safeguarding Team in school

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Our Updated Safeguarding Policy September 2021

Please scan the QR code or click the link to find our most recent policy.



The Importance of Attendance for Safeguarding

Attendance monitoring is a key part of our safeguarding processes in school. We take non-attendance and lateness seriously. School will maintain records of where children are and reasons for non-attendance or late arrival. We are a duty to investigate non-attendance - see section 175 Education Act 2002,

Please keep the school informed of any changes to your contact details