

Safeguarding Newsletter for Families

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Our school continues to participate in a national scheme called 'Operation Encompass', which is a joint partnership between Lincolnshire Police and schools. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified.

This system has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident. We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour. Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school receives an email from the police the morning after a child has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

We are then able to use this information to provide the right support to any child and their family as and when it is needed.

SOMETHING TO SHARE

The children will know all about our new Something to Share promotion. All classes have this poster displayed, reminding children what they can do if they have a worry of any kind. The Something to Share boxes have proved very successful so far and supported a number of children.

Please remind your children to share their worries in the way they feel most comfortable. There are Something to Share boxes in each classroom plus three communal ones; one outside the main school office, one outside Mrs Stratton's office and one by Mrs Cowles' office.









What parents need to know about



Launched in 1997, Netflix is now one of the world's leading online streaming services, providing users with unlimited access to a huge selection of TV shows and films. It's available on any internet-connected device that supports the Netflix app, from smart TVs and games consoles to tablets and smartphones, and is becoming increasingly popular with a younger audience. This is unsurprising given consumer attitudes are changing more towards video-on-demand (VoD) services. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Netflix is about.

Inappropriate content

variety of films and TV programmes for young children, teens and adults and its extensive catalogue can provic hours of entertainment. Children can search for almost anything but if they share the same account as an adult can also open them up to viewing material that is adult themed or inappropriate. Netflix doesn't check who's watching so children

Risk of hacking

With millions of users in over 190 countries, Netflix is often targeted by hackers and phishing scams which try to illicit usernames and passwords to gain access to accounts. If successful, hackers can steal payment details or try to sell your data on the dark web, providing others with the opportunity to profit. Given Netflix doesn

Binge-watching

With the ability to access Netflix on almost any device, it can be easy to fall into 'binge-watching series, with users finding it difficult to turn it off without knowing what happens next. The autoplay function also means that the next episode usually plays within seconds of the last ending and the Netflix algorithms mean that recommended programmes are very often similar to those you've just watched. This can easily lead to spending hours in front of the TV through the day or staying up through the night, potentially affecting sleep, mood and the ability to concentrate the next day.



Screen addiction

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almost any device with an internet connection means that parents may find it difficult to prize children away from a screen. With a huge collection of children's TV programmes and the latest film titles, children could start watching on the TV, continue on the tablet and finish on their games console. Increased screen time means that they may spend less time learning, playing outside, find it difficult to sleep or communicate less with family and friends.

Netflix party

Netflix Party is a free extension on Google Chrome that gives users the ability to watch a film or TV show online simultaneously with friends or family in different locations. It Users can create a party and send a link to people they want to invite however the link can be copied and distributed further, meaning children. could potentially be open to a group chat with people they don't know. It should be noted that Netflix Party isn't an official Netflix product and needs



Safety tips for parents & carers

Create a Netflix Kids experience profile

One of the biggest advantages of Netflix is the ability to control what content your children can watch. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means that children only have access to TV shows and movies which have been carefully selected for kids. The look and feel of the app is simpler and children can't access any account settings. kids

Set maturity ratings & block content

If your child is a little older, parents can create a separate profile to their own and set a maturity rating that means children will see only TV shows and movies that fit that rating. The three categories of rating for the UK are kids (all, U, PG), teens (12, Guidance, Teen) and adult (15, 18, mature, adult). You can also block specific TV shows and movies from individual profiles which means they don't show up in the browse or search results.

Have an open & honest conversation

Parents can review the TV shows and films that have been watched on each profile under their account. If your child seems upset or shocked by something they have seen or if you are concerned about anything they've viewed, try to talk to them about it and have an open and honest conversation to help understand any concerns.



Switch off autoplay

Netflix has two autoplay features that can be switched on and off across different accounts and takes effect across all devices. Parents can disable the ability for consecutive episodes to play automatically and for previews to play when browsing. Both can help to limit the amount of time children spend on the app.

Lock your profile

It's important to keep your own account secure so that children can't freely switch between profiles and potentially access more adult-themed content or change access levels. Parents can set-up a Profile Lock PIN which means only they can access their own Netflix account.

Set screen time limits

Although switching off autoplay will help to stem programmes playing continuously, children can just as easily choose to play the next episode themselves. Whilst Netflix has no options to help limit viewing time, many devices now allow parents to set screen time restrictions, so you can switch off the app automatically when you think they've had enough.

Meet our expert



Create a strong password & always log out.

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Given that Netflix doesn't use 2-factor authentication, the need for a unique username and strong password is even more important. Try to use a different passwort to ones you've used before and use a mixture of numbers, letters (uppercase and lowercase) and symbols, with a minimum of 8 characters. Always log out when not using your account so that if your device is lost or stolen, your account remains inaccessible.



SOURCES: https://www.netflix.com | https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264 | https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/190616/children-media-use-attitudes-2019-report.pdf

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

Link



 $\underline{https://www.saxilby.lincs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/LCC-School-Child-Protection-Safeguarding-Policy-v16-September-2021-FIN....pdf$

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