# Safeguarding Newsletter

#### **Summer Term 2021**



At Alverton Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and of utmost priority.

The aim of our termly safeguarding newsletter is to communicate key information to parents concerning safeguarding and how as a school we aim to keep you informed to actively promote the safeguarding and welfare of all our pupils.

You can find further safeguarding information in the Safeguarding section of our website, including all our previous Safeguarding newsletters which contain a range of safeguarding information.

http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/safeguarding/78058 and http://www.alverton.org.uk/website/staying safe online - who can help/550827

The digital technology world is developing everyday and most children now have access to a digital device whether a phone, tablet or laptop. For a lot of children, a great deal of time is now being spent online and they are accessing devices at a very early age. Children can sometimes be more advanced than parents and are accessing games, links and apps easily online, without knowing the risks.

We aim to provide parents, staff and children with the knowledge they need to understand the online risks so that we can all work together to keep children safe online but, despite all the work we do about online safety, and the very strong message about this which comes from school, we increasingly see children accessing games and apps with an age limit above their own. This is increasingly leading to problems for children with their peers as well as wider concerns about their online safety.



# Childline

Childline provides useful guidance for children on how to keep safe and what to do if they feel unsafe. There are lots of resources and activities to support children and options to speak to someone anonymously through email, chat or phone 24 hours of the day.

<a href="https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/">https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/</a>

#### https://www.net-aware.org.uk/

Make sure you are up to date on the latest social media, apps and games that your children are accessing. Lots of the apps children are using have age restrictions on them due to the risks they present. NetAware provide guidance and tips on what the children can access, recommended age limits, the risk they may present and how to put safety controls in place. It also gives useful guidance on how to keep your children safe online.

#### https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

The Think You Know website provides loads of really useful information about online safety including Online Safety Home Activity Packs which include simple 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety at home.



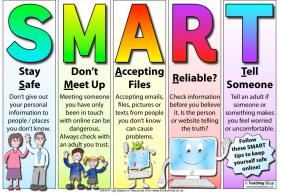
### **NSPCC**

As parents, it is important to talk openly and regularly to your child about internet safety. The NSPCC website provides useful advice on different aspects of online safety which may be helpful.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ keeping-children-safe/onlinesafety/

## <u>Call the NSPCC Online Safety</u> Helpline

If you have a question about parental controls or concern about a social network your child uses, expert advisors at the free helpline are there to help on **0808 8005000**.



Who can I talk to if I am worried about a child?

If you see it, hear it or know about it - report it!

This could be a child being neglected or any other kind of abuse.

Remember - safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Mr Higgs is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Alverton School and Mrs Wicks is the Deputy DSL. They will always be willing to listen to any concerns you may have.

If they are not available, Mrs Clemens, Mr Dawe, Mrs Daylak, Mrs Hall, Mrs Hughes, Mrs O'Neill and Mrs O'Rourke have all received additional safeguarding training and will be able to help you.

01736 364087

Cornwall Multi-Agency Referral Unit 0300 123 1116



