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Welcome to July's newsletter. There will be no August edition of our newsletter as hopefully you will be enjoying the Summer break. However, we will be back in September with more helpful advice, tips and safety messages for you & your family. Parents and Carers are reminded that this newsletter is for **both** Primary and Secondary school children, and therefore trust your personal judgement to share what you feel is **relevant** information with your child/s.

CYBER SPRINTER - Online interactive game for children

The **National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)** has launched a new educational game with resources aimed at teaching Cyber Security for 7 to 11 year olds.

It is a **free**, online game designed to make learning about Cyber Security fun and interactive. The game sees players become a 'cybersprinter' who races against its depleting battery power. Users win battery power by correctly answering questions about Cyber Security but face losing it if they bump into 'cybervillains'.



For more information and to play the game visit: www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/cybersprinters-interactive-game

E-SCOOTERS – Where can you ride your e-scooter?

We have sent many messages regarding the legalities of e-scooters. However everyday we continue to see **children** and adults using them illegally. We politely request you remind yourselves on the law and requirements for riding e-scooters to ensure you and your family remain safe and are not breaking the law.



The facts:

- **IT IS ILLEGAL TO USE AN E-SCOOTER ON PUBLIC ROADS AND PAVEMENTS** unless its a hire scooter that is part of a scheme such as Cambridge City. To hire you are required to register on an app, hold a driving licence, full or provisional and be at least 18 yrs of age
- E-Scooters can only be used on private land
- In law, an e-scooter is classed the same as a motor vehicle
- You need to be insured
- You are committing an offence if you go through red lights or are found to be over the prescribed drink drive limit
- Helmets should always be worn
- **Parents beware:** Consider "use, cause & permit" offences. For example, if a parent allows their child to ride to school on an e-scooter. The child may be too young to prosecute but a parent, in theory still could be!!

The link below is from an article published by BBC News at the beginning of the month. Although focusing on the City of London the details within are correct and well written. Please spend a couple of minutes reading through the article which highlights the legalities, risks and reinforces the message that, for most e-scooters are not to be ridden on public roads or pavements. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-48106617>

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PROTECTING CHILDREN ONLINE

There are many reasons a young person may have shared a [self-generated sexual image](#). Some may have sent an image for fun, or to a boyfriend or girlfriend, which has then been shared with others or on platforms without their consent. They may also have been [groomed online](#) or blackmailed into sharing this content.

The [Report Remove tool](#) can be used by any young person under 18 to report a nude image or video of themselves that's appeared online. The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) then review these reports, and work to have the content removed if it breaks the law.

For more information on how the NSPCC and IWF are protecting children online, visit: [Childline's new tool helps young people remove nude images shared online | NSPCC](#)



WATER SAFETY!



The Summer holidays are nearly here and you will hopefully be using the time to enjoy the outdoors. Remember to stay safe around the water this Summer. Around **700** people lose their lives in the water each year and there are a few simple things you can do to make sure you keep yourself and your family away from tragedy.

Stop and think, spot the dangers of water! Learn the Water Safety Code

- It can be very cold
- There may be hidden currents
- It can be difficult to get out (steep, slippery banks)
- It can be deep
- There may be hidden rubbish, e.g. shopping trolleys, broken glass
- There may be no lifeguards there
- It is difficult to estimate depth
- It may be polluted and may make you ill



Further information & resources

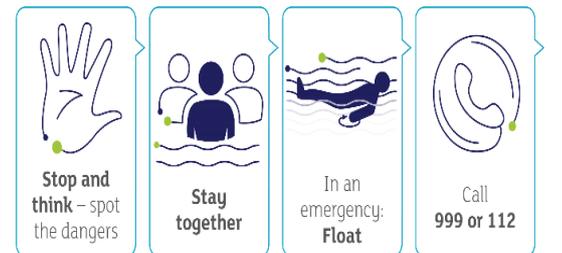
- [The Royal National Lifeboat Institution](#)
- [The Royal Life Saving Society](#)

WATER SAFETY MESSAGE

During the Summer periods Cambridgeshire Constabulary have received high volumes of calls to youths swimming and congregating near our county's lakes and rivers especially at **Cherry Hinton lakes**. This is becoming a **high-risk** area. There can be at times over 100 people swimming, consuming alcohol & drugs on site. There have been several rescues early in the spring this year and Police predict this will increase. Enjoy the summer holidays but enjoy it safely.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue have issued some advice to people about water safety which you can read in full [here](#)

Water Safety Code



Stop and think – spot the dangers

Stay together

In an emergency: Float

Call 999 or 112

THE WORLD OF GAMING : Parental Support

The school holidays are fast approaching and with that comes the freedom for Children and Young People to spend time enjoying their hobbies and other interests. For many, this may involve spending a vast amount of time on their computers or consoles partaking in on-line gaming.



The gaming world can appear daunting for parents to consider given the extensive amount of choices and platforms available for children to engage with. However, help and support is out there, and Young Gamers and Gamblers Education trust (YGAM) have an immense amount of resources available to help parents navigate the world of gaming.

YGAM parent's hub offer support and advice by:

- Providing parents with the information to better understand why children game and what those PEGI ratings mean.
- De-mystifying the world of gaming with guides to the games your children play and the language they use whilst playing.
- Supporting parents, looking at how to spot the signs of harm, how to set safety controls and how to speak to your child and keep them safe.

The full range of support can be found within the Parent's hub following this link: <https://parents.ygam.org/>

In addition to the above resources, YGAM offer a one-hour Gaming and Gambling awareness session for Parents/Carers. More information on these free on-line events can be found in these links

<https://parents.ygam.org/workshops/#parents-workshops> – Workshops for Parents

<https://parents.ygam.org/workshops/#children-workshops> – Workshops for Children in Care



MOBILE PHONE UPGRADE : Scam Alert!

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau are warning mobile phone users of an ongoing scam where consumers are being cold called by individuals impersonating employers of legitimate mobile networks and offering early handset upgrades.



Here's how they work:

- Victims are tricked into believing they are eligible for an upgrade. Then provide personal information such as online mobile account details, log-ins, address and bank account particulars.
- Suspects then place orders with genuine companies on behalf of Victims, however select a different handset to that requested and have it shipped to the Victim's address.
- Upon receipt, suspects assure Victims that this has been an error and instruct them to 'return' the handset to a different address not affiliated to the mobile company. These addresses are usually residential.
- Upon intercepting the 'returned' handsets, the suspects cease contact and Victims find themselves stuck with no phone and liable for the entirety of a new contract taken out in their name.

Use this link for more information



Every Report Matters

If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, report it to us at [Actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk), or by calling 0300 123 2040.

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