

The Batt Safeguarding Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you enjoyed our first Safeguarding Newsletter sent out in September. We would like to make this a regular feature for tips and articles to keep your children safe both online and in their day to day environment.

Online Gaming

Online gaming is hugely popular with children and young people.

It may seem daunting, but one of the best things you can do is to engage with the gaming environment and begin to understand what makes it so attractive to your child, as well as the type of activities that they enjoy! Some games may offer children the chance to chat with other players by voice or text. Ask them who they are playing with and find out if they are talking to other players. Speak to your child about never revealing personal information or agreeing to meet up offline.

How long is too long?

Consider what is appropriate for the users in your house and their gaming needs. For instance, some games are unlikely to be completed in 30 minutes. Agree together rules of playing games online, covering safety considerations. You may find it useful to set a weekly quota for their internet use, or to agree that certain games should only be played at weekends.

Talk PANTS (The Underwear Rule)

Talking PANTS is a safe and simple way to teach your child how to stay safe from sexual abuse without using scary words or even mentioning sex. It can make difficult conversations easier. Visit www.nspcc.org.uk/pants for more information.

P – Privates are Private

A – Always remember your body belongs to you

N – No means No

T – Talk about secrets that upset you

S – Speak up and someone can help

Attendance – Every minute counts

Remember, if your child is not going to be in school, please call the school office, or email office.3605@batt.oxon.sch.uk before 9am to report their absence.

If your child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. See below for the days lost over the school year for each minute your child is late:

5 minutes late = 3 days lost

10 minutes late = 6.5 days lost

20 minutes late = 13 days lost

Bullying

Several
Times
On
Purpose

Remember:

Nobody has the right to bully you

Bullying could be done by friends, family, people at school and strangers, but it is NEVER ok

It can happen in different places, like at school, home or online

There are ways to get it stopped and ways to feel better about yourself

What is NOT bullying:

One off incidents – bullying is generally persistent and repetitive

Mutual conflict - an argument or fight where both parties have equally participated

Clever Never Goes

Clever Never Goes is a new Lottery-funded initiative offering schools a more intelligent approach to personal safety for pupils.

The 'stranger danger' message is outdated and teaching children to avoid strangers is not helpful. Most strangers will help rather than harm children. It is often the people known to children that pose the greatest threat.

The website, www.clevernevergoes.org provides information and resources for parents to use to have discussions about being safe in public. It also has a character, Clever the robot, who enjoys having fun outside. Clever uses a simple rule to keep himself safe when he's out and about without his parents, or another grown up, and encourages children to do the same: "The rule is that if someone you're not expecting to, or don't know, asks you to go somewhere with them, just remember: Clever never goes".

What is Sexting?

Sexting is when someone shares sexual, naked or semi-naked images or videos of themselves, or others. When you are under 18 it is against the law for anyone to take or have a sexual photo of you – even if it's a selfie.

Young people may be tempted, for example when at each other's' houses, to take photographs of each other as a joke and share them on social media such as Snapchat or Instagram. Please help us by regularly reminding your children about the upset this can cause to others and the fact that it is illegal.

It can leave young people vulnerable to blackmail, bullying, unwanted attention or emotional distress, therefore, it is important to start the conversation with your child about what is acceptable to send to people. Make sure they are comfortable saying no, and that they understand their body is private.

Information & Online Resources:

Worried? We're here to listen

call Childline on 0800 1111 or visit - www.childline.org.uk/kids

Find out more about bullying and what you can do -

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/>

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

Safeguarding concerns should be reported to the school so that we can provide support and guidance and, where necessary access external agency support with the aim of keeping children safe from harm.

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