



ONLINE SAFETY: STAFF BRIEFING

This is a termly staff briefing produced by Knowsley CLCS which is designed to update school practitioners with some of the latest research and resources to support the delivery of online safety in schools.

Cyber Explorers

This is a free, interactive online learning platform supporting learning objectives for Key Stage 3 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and S2/S3 in Scotland. This is an initiative led by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), to showcase how the skills being taught in class are linked to real world situations, through an immersive, gamified learning experience.

Find out more here: <https://www.cyberexplorers.co.uk/>

Online Extremism

LGFL have created this resource to help you to empower young people to recognise examples of extremist behaviour, promote critical thinking and stay safe online. You can access it here:

<https://goingtoofar.lgfl.org.uk/>

Updated version of Keeping children safe in education

The Department for Education (DfE) has published an updated version of its statutory Keeping children safe in education guidance for schools in England, which will come into force on 01 September 2022. Annex F of the of the new guidance sets out the changes made.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

Ofcom Podcast

Ofcom have released their second episode of their podcast, Life Online, which looks at where cyberbullying is happening. You can access the podcast here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2022/threat-of-online-bullying-greater-than-offline>

Digital Wellbeing

The South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) have created a new page dedicated to the subject of Digital Wellbeing, which features a variety of informative resources, guidance and article to help you understand the subject and how you can support young people who are navigating through online worlds.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/introducing-our-digital-wellbeing-hub/>

SafeSkills

London Grid for Learning (LGfL) have launched SafeSkills which is a free, interactive online safety teaching tool for schools, enabling you to monitor progress throughout the year and identify areas for development. SafeSkills is made up of 8 strands linked to statements from UKCIS Education for a Connected World framework. Find out more here:

<https://national.lgfl.net/digisafe/safeskills>

Online safety and relationships

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (CEOP) have created a new website for children aged 11-18 including information on online safety and relationships. It has updated its toolkit of activities which schools in the UK can use:

Resources: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_18/

Toolkit: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/11-18s-toolkit/>

Thrive Online

Childnet have created Thrive Online to help support young people aged 11 and over with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). It is free to access and includes resources covering topics such as healthy relationships and digital wellbeing.

<https://www.childnet.com/what-we-do/our-projects/thrive-online/>

Updated course

This course is chargeable.

NSPCC Learning and National Crime Agency-Child Exploitation and Online Protection have updated their e-learning course: Keeping children safe online. The course consists of seven online modules including information on how children use the internet and the risks related to internet use. You can access the course here:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/training/online-safety>