# Online Safety Newsletter

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## What's in this newsletter

In this newsletter you will find:

- New Vodaphone Digital Parenting Magazine
- Keeping Children Safe Update
- National Health Service Sexting Advice
- Updated Smartie the Penguin
- New resource for 8-10 year olds
- Childline #ListenToYourSelfie campaign
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### Dates for your calendar

**October**
National Hate Crime Awareness Week - 8th to 15th
Get Safe Online Day - 18th
Digital Citizenship Summit - 28th
Digital Kids Show - 29th - 30th

**November**
Anti-bullying Week - 14th to 18th
Child Internet Safety Summit - 29th

## Pre-Order latest edition of Digital Parenting

Issue 5 of Vodaphone's Digital Parenting magazine is currently being printed and is now available to pre-order.

The magazine continues to be absolutely FREE for schools, including postage and packaging. There will be an updated guide to setting parental controls on apps and devices, and information on gaming and keeping children safe while they play.

## Keeping Children Safe

We highlighted the potential changes to DfE's Keeping Children Safe in our July newsletter. This was published in September. NSPCC have put together a summary of key changes. Key points to consider:

- Stronger wording has been used: Schools 'should ensure' rather than 'should consider' that online safety is included in relevant lessons.
- Schools need to check appropriate filters and monitoring systems have been put in place.
- Online safety is part of safeguarding and as such the designated safeguarding lead has overall responsibility for this but may be supported by the Computing/ICT lead.

## National Health Service Sexting Advice

An NHS watchdog has issued advice about sexting to help professionals spot the difference between 'normal' sexual experimentation and harmful sexual behaviour among children and teens. They promote the Brook Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool which helps to identify and respond appropriately to sexual behaviours.

Don't forget the sexting guidance for schools that we highlighted in the September newsletter.

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# Updated Smartie the Penguin

Use the updated resources at http://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin to reflect how young children today are using technology. This is an e-Safety story for 3 to 7 year olds which follows the adventures of Smartie the Penguin as he uses his new tablet and learns how to be safe on the internet with help from the grown ups in his life and indeed the children listening to the story.

Smartie covers 3 themes for EYFS and KS1 children:
- Pop ups and in app purchasing
- Inappropriate websites for older children
- Cyberbullying

The resource contains a fun song to help children remember how to keep safe and is supported with lesson plans and presentations for FS, Year 1 and Year 2.  Early years settings and schools can use this resource as part of ensuring that even the youngest children are learning about keeping safe online as part of a broad and balanced curriculum.

# New Resource for 8—10 year olds Play Like Share

Later this month ThinkuKnow will be launching their brand new primary school resource which tells the story of Sam, Ellie and Alife, or 'Selfie' as they name their ban.  There will be three animations for 8-10 year olds which explore healthy and unhealthy online behaviours.  The films tackle issues around friending, chatting, sharing and privacy online.  They will held address both positive and negative aspects of the internet and digital media and will help children learn to identify and respond to risks online.

# Childline highlight Unhealthy relationships

Childline have responded to a rise in contacts about online sexual abuse with their #ListenToYourSelfie campaign.  This includes two films which could be used with KS3 learners: 'The Game' and 'The Party'.

# eCadets and Digital Leaders

We have previously promoted eCadets to primary schools in Somerset as a way to support your children to become leaders in developing online safety in your school.  This continues to be an excellent pupil-led esafety education programme that also provides information to staff, governors and parents.

Childnet have now launched a Digital Leaders programme for primary and secondary schools.  This aims to empower children and young people to champion digital citizenship and digital creativity within their schools.

Do consider investing in one of these programmes in your school.

# Items for Parent's Newsletter

**Setting safety and privacy settings for social media apps**

Parent Info provides a summary of how to ensure privacy settings are in place for a variety of social media apps.  This is also a useful reminder of the age expectations. *http://parentinfo.org/article/setting-safety-and-privacy-settings-for-social-media-apps*

You may also want to circulate the link to staff to remind them to check their security.

The NSPCC have just published *A Parent's Guide to Being Shareaware* which could be particularly useful to share with parents if you intend to use the Shareaware videos with your learners as part of your e-safety curriculum.

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