

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

News updates from Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery

10 Tips for helping your child to keeping safe online

1. Be careful about talking to people you don't know and trust in real life – anyone can pretend to be a child online. If you do talk to people you don't know, don't give away personal information – such as what street you live on or where you go to school, or share your location with them. Say no to any requests they send you for images or videos of yourself, and stop talking to them
2. Set your profiles to private, to limit what others can see
3. Think carefully about what you share and with who. Once you've shared an image, you've no control over what the other person does with it. Remember, it's **illegal** to take, share or view sexual images of under-18s, full stop
4. Be mindful of your digital footprint. What you post online now could come back to bite you later, like when applying for jobs, college or university
5. If you see something upsetting, or someone bullies you, tell an adult you trust. Report it too
6. When reading news online, ask yourself what the source is, when it was published, and whether it could be a hoax or made up. Read beyond the headline too
7. Remember, people try to make their lives look more exciting and interesting online. There's a lot people can do with photo editing to make their photos look better. So don't assume everything you see is a true-to-life representation
8. Watch out for hoaxes and scams, like messages you're meant to forward on or that ask you for payment details or your password
9. Take any content that seems to glamourise gang lifestyles with a very large pinch of salt – it's not as glamorous as it looks. Be wary of schemes promising easy cash for receiving and transferring money too, they're almost definitely criminal activity
10. Watch out for loot boxes or other parts of games where you pay money to take a chance on getting a reward – you can get sucked into spending lots of money on them



Don't feel confident starting a conversation with your child about what they're up to online?

Read this advice from the NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety>



For any of your safeguarding concerns:

If you ever have a concern about a child or adult please speak to any member of staff who will support you, alternatively you can speak with our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Amies.

We have updated the safeguarding page on our website. There are some helpful links to organisations that might be able to provide support for you, should you require, with such things as bereavement, benefits, debt, legal issues and more.

For more information, visit the safeguarding section of our website:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding/>

We are able to offer support with many family issues, so please do contact Mr Amies, at the school, if you would like to discuss anything that we might be able to help with.

We also have trained Domestic Violence Champions for Change in school.

If anyone would like advice or information on this very sensitive area please contact Mrs Carter or Mr Amies.

Useful Links:

[Our Safeguarding Policy](#)

[Our Anti-Bullying Policy](#)

[Our Behaviour Policy](#)

[Our Attendance Policy](#)

[Our Curriculum Policy](#)

[Our e-Safety Policy](#)



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