



Safeguarding News



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New Directions

In school, we are made aware of a whole host of new technologies becoming available to young people. Because so many safeguarding issues are being brought in to school that are a result of mobile phones and apps the children are using (often despite not being age appropriate), we do feel we need to pass these messages on to parents and carers so you can keep your child safe.

ChatGP

Not sure of what this is? In summary, it is an artificial intelligence chatbox that can be found online. ChatGP generates content and answers based on a user's question. Childnet have put together some helpful information for parents/carers which explains artificial intelligence (AI) and ChatGP, what it can/can't do and importantly the safety considerations. To read this information please check out Childnet's blog.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-do-i-need-to-know-about-chatgpt-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>

Virtual Reality

Children using virtual reality (VR) headsets, is at present, in the minority possibly due to the cost. However, a number of children are now using VR and generally say it is a very positive, fun experience. But as with anything, there are risks, so again Childnet have put a great blog together for parents to understand what VR is, age restrictions and considerations. Check it out on the link below:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/virtual-reality-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>





Anime



As of 2023, anime is a truly colossal market, estimated to be worth a total of \$28.61 billion in its entirety, with somewhere around 300 separate shows and films being created in the last year alone. Many have applauded anime as an industry for its willingness to take risks in its storytelling, with the best examples of the genre creating something truly unique and beautiful, with genuine artistic value.

However, anime is known to span all age ratings and many types of content – from innocuous, child-friendly material, all the way to highly-adult themes, and in some cases, branching into pornography. #WakeUpWednesday's guide explores the risks of anime, detailing what can be done to keep children safe while they enjoy it. Take a look on this link: nationalcollege.com/guides/anime/

And have a look at the attached PDF, which gives more information about anime.

Water Safety

As Summer and the holidays are almost upon us, we will be looking at water safety throughout school. We feel this is especially important after the recent tragedies and the number of waterways in our locality. Please take time to talk to your children about the dangers, especially if they are playing out alone or unsupervised. There are some good videos on-line BUT please look at them before you show them to your child as some are quite graphic.

Hopefully, this will help everyone stay safe, near water, this summer.



SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

As always, keeping our children safe is vitally important and taking the steps outlined above will help you to do so. Remember, if you wish to discuss anything regarding safeguarding, then please use our e-mail address: headteacher@stjamesacademy.co.uk or contact Miss Minor (our Designated Safeguard Lead) at the Academy. You can also contact Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Butterworth, Miss McCarthy or Mr Wildey.

