



# Safeguarding News



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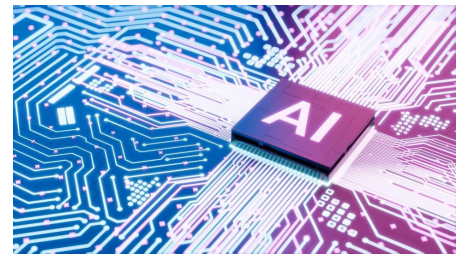
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## Artificial Intelligence (AI) Apps

Artificial intelligence has developed significantly over the past 6 months with new AI apps being released or by apps adding AI to existing apps (such as Snapchat).

Because of this, the experts at National Online Safety have produced a very informative and thought-provoking guide for parents, which I have added on the link below. If you are already hearing about AI from your child or just want to be prepared, have a read and you will be ready for almost anything.

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/ai-virtual-friends?>



## W Anonymous App

Another one to watch out for! Your child may receive a message about a poll where someone has voted for them, please educate them NOT to click and have a look. This app says it has an age rating of 13 however, there is no age verification when you sign up. Once you have joined up, the app uses the GPS on your phone to show users all the primary and secondary schools in the local area, as well as how many students in those schools are signed up, and the app then allows you to connect to 'my school', one on-line expert had access to this information as a 51 year old!! Notably, the primary schools seemed to have more users than the secondary schools.

Without taking part in any polls, you receiving notifications stating that someone has picked you in a poll– this is meant to make you click on the app. If you have completed a poll you are then invited to play again, but you have to either wait an hour or invite friends, which means giving access to your contacts and sending an alert to others. This creates curiosity (what am I missing out on?)- a very persuasive device indeed.





## 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 the link below:

[nationalcollege.com/guides/anime?](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/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. 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](mailto: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.

