

Safeguarding- A regular safeguarding update will be provided with this newsletter to ensure that you have access to current useful information and guidance.

Safeguarding Saint Joseph's Catholic Infant and Junior Schools

At Saint Joseph's we are committed to the safety and happiness of all our children and adults in our school family. If you are concerned about a child, please talk to our designated safeguarding lead, Mrs A. Whelan, or any of our safeguarding officers, Mr. Betts, Miss K. Gaynor, Mr. Nicklin or Mrs. Jeeves.



Copies of our safeguarding policies can be found on the school website along with links to the latest update of "Keeping Children Safe in Education" (DfE Statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment.) Hard copies may be found in the school office upon request.

Cyberbullying is a growing concern but there are practical tips and tools you can use to teach your child how to make Smarter and safer choices as they navigate their online world.

Set controls and privacy settings

As a parent you have some decisions to make about how you want your child to engage online and on social media and what measures you want to put in place to help protect them:

Set up their device

Whatever device you choose, there are free controls you can use to stop your child from purchasing and using certain apps, seeing certain content, or limiting what they can share with others, like their location for example. Our set up safe how to guides to set parental controls to cover the most popular range of devices and apps and platforms children use. From YouTube Kids to streaming services like Netflix, you'll find quick and easy steps to set up the right controls to create a safe place for your child to explore.

Getting the low down on sites, games, and apps

You will probably use social networks yourself, but you might want to know about new ones that your child is using or wants to use. Use them yourself and set up your own account so you can experience what your child might see. There are also many child-friendly social networks they could use while they get ready for the likes of Snapchat and Instagram.

Privacy settings

Spend time together looking at the privacy settings. It's always best to assume that default settings are public and should be changed accordingly. We've got some advice on using privacy settings on the most popular social apps.

A good profile

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