

Safeguarding and E safety update for parents and children

With Christmas having come and gone (all too quickly) and the possibility of children receiving new tablets, laptops or mobile phones as presents I thought it might be useful to remind everyone of the information available on the school website <http://www.butterwick.lincs.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=106> to help and guide you and your children on how to stay safe when using the internet via a number of different devices. There is also a new parents and carers guide on the 'Think you know' (www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) website on all aspects of child internet safety for both primary and secondary school children. It offers access to advice and support on how to keep children safe.

Families can also use the website to access the CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre Safety Centre) www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

What is the 'Prevent' strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. From July 2015 all schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. Staff have already had training on this strategy and there is now a leaflet (see overleaf) in the safeguarding section of the school website outlining the Prevent Strategy in more detail.

Reminder

Mrs Towers and Mr Huck are the Designated Safeguarding Leads for our school. If you have concerns over any aspects of safeguarding then please feel free to contact them at school.

E-safety

Dan Hawbrook (e-Safety Officer - Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board) will be visiting school later this year to deliver internet safety sessions to all classes in both the positive and negative aspects of the internet. Sessions are designed to be fun, informative and engaging for students, and will focus on key risk areas such as exploitation, bullying and the long term impact of digital technology. He will also be available after school to deliver a parent information session on the same types of issues; to support parents with tips and advice and to answer any queries you may have around internet use. More details to follow later this year.

School will also be taking part in Safer Internet Day on 9th February. This year's theme for Safer Internet Day is 'Play your part for a better internet'. There is some useful advice for parents/carers that can be found at:

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>

Mrs Towers/Mr Huck