Online Safety: Staff Briefing

Knowsley City Learning Centres

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This is a termly staff briefing produced by Knowsley CLCS, it is designed to update school practitioners with some of the latest research and resources to support the delivery of online safety in schools.

Safer Internet Day 2026: Theme Announced

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on the 10th February 2026 and will be based around the theme '**Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'. You can find out more here:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/safer-internet-day-2026-theme-announced

Why Language Matters: Sextortion

The NSPCC have published a blog discussing why we should rethink the term 'sextortion'. The NSPCC explore why using the term may obscure professional understanding of this issue. Read the article here:

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/why-language-matters/rethinking-the-term-sextortion

Supporting SEND Learners: Resources

SWGfL have created a hub of resources to help embed inclusive, effective online safety practices across your school. Applicable to mainstream schools, special schools, or a setting with a high number of SEND pupils. Find out more here:

https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/new-resources-available-for-supporting-send-learners/

Safeguarding Posters

LGfL have a variety of free posters covering a range of topics, such as 'banter or bullying' and 'CSE - know the signs'.

The posters can be downloaded here: https://lgfl.net/safeguarding/resources?field_type_of_use=616

Protecting Children from Financial Harm

The PSHE Association have published free lesson materials and on-demand CPD for teachers in relation to Financial Harms. Find out more here:

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/online-risk-and-out-pocket-protecting-generation-children-financial-harm

Swiggle.org.uk Child Friendly Search Engine

Swiggle is a search engine designed to provide a safer environment for kids taking their first steps on the road to safe online searching.

It is powered by Google Custom Search and the results are filtered using Google SafeSearch and educational resources are prioritised. Find out more here

https://swgfl.org.uk/services/swiggle/

Free Online safety webinars with Vodafone

Free training to help you keep children safe online, supported by Vodafone.

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/training/vodafone-school-online-safety-webinars

New Online Safety Policy, AUPs & Template Letters

LGfL have updated their Online Safety Policy to reflect the latest guidance and emerging risks, including AI, chatbots and financial exploitation. Find them here:

https://lgfl.net/safeguarding/resources?field_safeguarding_topic=301&s=24

Keeping Children Safe in Education

This statutory guidance on safeguarding children and safer recruitment was updated on the 1st September 2025:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2

New Filtering and Monitoring Expectations

UKSIC outline what schools and colleges in England will need to do to meet new filtering and monitoring expectations:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/kcsie-2025-what-schools-and-colleges-in-england-will-need-to-do-to-meet-new-filtering-and-monitoring-expectations



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