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Safeguarding Newsletter

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Hello and welcome back to our monthly safeguarding newsletterthe last one of 2025! This month, we have something very exciting to share with you which has been in the pipeline for quite some time. Hamwic Education Trust, together with Smoothwall, have created a one-stop-shop online parenting safeguarding hub for schools, parents and carers.

The Online Safety Hub can be found here and includes parent advice, webinars, information and guidance on all things relating to online safety.

Online Safety Hub

Trusted digital safety advice for caregivers

Parents will find a rich library of helpful resources, including app reviews, how-to guides and advice on an array of online safety topics. One of the most useful features of the Online Safety Hub is their App review tool, which gives a risk profile, details on age restrictions, useful insights for setting out for what the app does and Smoothwall have created a handy risk matrix tool which clearly sets out any potential safeguarding dangers associated with apps being used.

See all

Social Media
YouTube
Our Age Rating: 13+

Social Media
Snapchat
Our Age Rating: 16+

Social Media
Discord

Our Age Rating: 17+

Roblox
Our Age Rating: 12+

For more information, please click the images above or <u>here</u> to explore the Online Safety Hub!

We want to hear from you! If ever you have any questions, concerns or updates in relation to safeguarding, please reach out to a Designated Safeguarding Lead in school either by using the email above or popping into the office.



Miss Westron Lead DSL



Mrs Phillips Deputy DSL



Mrs Street Deputy DSL



Mrs Furby Deputy DSL



Spotlight Support:

Each issue we signpost a different support area for you or your child to go to if needing to access a particular type of help or signposting.

This month, we highlight

Childline's Emotional Abuse

page to help children

understand that Emotional

Abuse isn't always easy to spot

or identify, especially as it often
occurs from caregivers or people
we know and trust.



Emotional abuse

When someone always puts you down, shouts at you or makes you feel bad, this is emotional abuse.

Click the image for information.

WakeUpWednesday

The National College's #WakeUpWednesday aims to equip every trusted adult with the knowledge and skills they need to keep up with the latest information, implement best practice and heighten their awareness of issues around the core topics of online safety and mental health & wellbeing.

This month, we are highlighting #WakeUpWednesday's free E-guide for parents and carers for support and tips in understanding tracking devices. This free guide explores how Bluetooth trackers like AirTags and SmartTags can be misused for stalking, bullying and invading young people's privacy.

Tracking devices like AirTags and SmartTags were designed to help people find lost belongings, but they've also opened the door to worrying forms of misuse. Their compact size and subtle design make them easy to hide, which can lead to the unwanted tracking of people without their knowledge. From stalking and bullying to potential misuse by peers, these gadgets bring a range of risks that trusted adults must stay aware of. **This guide** examines the most common ways they're being misused, offering practical tips on detecting hidden devices, using the right apps, and starting important conversations, it's a vital read for parents and carers looking to stay ahead.

Free sign-up to Qustodio Parenting App through Online Safety hub!

The Qustodio Parent App allows you to set screen time limits, filter content, manage app access, and monitor YouTube usage on a personal device. With the Qustodio Parent App, you can supervise your child's online activities on their personal devices through your own phone.

We know how important your child's online safety is. That's why we have teamed up with Smoothwall to offer you parental controls powered by the Qustodio Parent App—the world's leading parental control tool—for free! This ensures that you have peace of mind knowing your child is safe and secure in today's digital world.

Visit the custom link on <u>The Hub</u> and enter your email address and set up your account. That's all it takes!

You will have the option to download the Qustodio

Parent App to your mobile device or continue to access via the web. You can also invite another parent or guardian to help you supervise your child's



online activity. Learn how to add a parent.

For more information about how to get started, visit **Qustodio's Getting Started Guide**



Whether you want to report child abuse and neglect or are worried about a child and not sure what to, we have advice for you. Don't wait until you're certain: if you have any concerns or suspicions, contact us or use the NSPCC website as soon as possible.



