



# SAFEGUARDING AT ST ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Welcome to our Spring Term Safeguarding newsletter with information for parents and carers about keeping your child safe online.*

## Staying Safe on New Devices

As many children may have received new devices or technology for Christmas, it is a worthwhile time to have discussions with your children about good online safety habits. Check their access to apps and social media and remind them to come to you with any concerns.

The National Online Safety Hub have released guidance to support any discussions you may wish to have with your children about staying safe online.

You can find the link [here](#)

## Understanding Community Guidelines

Community guidelines are a set of rules created by each social media platform to ensure a standard of behaviour expected on the platform to create a safe environment for users to interact and have fun. They tend to cover advice on what is prohibited, i.e. illegal activity and actions that can lead to accounts being suspended or permanently deleted.

Consequences of breaking these guidelines could range from 24-hour suspension, a permanent deletion of an account to steps taken to refer the case to the authorities to take action.

To make sure that your child is able to have a more positive time interacting online, take some time to review the community guidelines on the platforms they use so they are aware of what behaviour is acceptable and what is not acceptable.

## Peter Cowley – Online Safety Workshop

Peter Cowley, the Online Safety Adviser for the borough, came to visit St Elizabeth's in January. He led two workshops, one with Year 4 and Year 5 and a separate workshop for Year 6. These very informative and useful sessions informed children how to create a strong enough password and how to safeguard themselves online.

Additionally, Mr Cowley led a session for parents that outlined the importance of parental controls, monitoring what your child is viewing online and age restrictions for social media platforms. We are very grateful to Peter for these sessions and look forward to welcoming him back again next year.

Parents and Carers can access the slides used in the presentation as well as a range of other extremely helpful resources here <https://bit.ly/zerototen>

## Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary about Safeguarding

**DSL:** Designated Safeguarding Lead

**PREVENT:** Part of the PREVENT Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism

**SPA:** Single Point of Access, a multi-agency team, managed by the Local Authority who work closely with a wide range of teams and partner agencies and facilitates different levels of support depending on the needs of children and families.

**LADO:** Local Authority Designated Officer who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues

**DBS:** Disclosure & Barring Service used to make safe recruitment decisions

## Who's who at St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School?

**Miss Thomas:** Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Mrs Hines:** Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Please feel free to speak to either of them if you have any concerns**

## Parental Controls

Parental Controls are a useful way to block upsetting or inappropriate content. The NSPCC have produced some useful guidance on how to set parental controls up on your Wi-Fi, phone network, individual apps and devices. Peter Cowley provided St Elizabeth's with some helpful resources in his parent workshop, which you can find at the bottom of this newsletter. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>



## If you have any Safeguarding concerns please see:

School Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
**Miss Samantha Thomas**



School Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
**Mrs Jane Hines**



You can also contact the Richmond Single Point of Access (SPA) with any concerns  
0208 547 5008: office hours.

0208 770 5000: out of hours Duty Team (evenings and weekends)

In an emergency, if you think a child is in immediate danger, you should call 999.

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

