

Safeguarding In Schools

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Safeguarding Briefing - 9th September 2024

Dear Peter,

I hope you've been able to take a breath over the weekend before you dive in for another hectic week!

Project Evolve - South West Grid for Learning

Five years ago, ProjectEVOLVE was pioneered by the UK Safer Internet Centre and the South West Grid for Learning. The project was commenced as an online digital literacy kit, to aid pupils and teachers thrive in the new e-space oriented world. The kit is now utilised by over 15,000 schools across the UK, and has become an essential part of the digital educational landscape. On the 2nd October, Ken Cornish, the lead of ProjectEvolve will be hosting an online event aimed at discussing the project. At the event you can expect to hear about key insights from the 2024 annual report, and the current state of digital literacy across the UK. The event is completely free and if interested please follow the link below:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/celebrating-five-years-of-projectevolve-sign-up-for-free-event>

Strengthening Safeguarding Through Staff Wellbeing - CPOMS

CPOMS has a new safeguarding webinar opening on the 24th September on the topic of 'Strengthening Safeguarding Through Staff Wellbeing.' The session will be led by Daniel Wilsher, a leading voice on mental health. Also speaking at the event will be Thomas Wilsher an educational consultant and former teacher. Their aim will be to explore how staff mental health and stress management are essential, in creating a positive school culture. They will also tap into how staff wellbeing can

influence safeguarding outcomes. Founded in 2011, CPOMS is a national leader in safeguarding solutions. Their team consists of specialists with extensive experience in the education sector, and their webinar is certain not to be missed. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.cpoms.co.uk/webinars/>

Children and Back to School Social Media - Wayne Denner

This time of year parents all over the country will be focusing on their children. Whether they're going to school for the first time, or they're seasoned educational veterans, the same feeling will fill parents and guardians. A feeling of concern for the year ahead but also excitement and pride that they're embarking on the same journey, they themselves made years prior. In recent years it has become a tradition to post 'back to school' content, to Facebook and Instagram. However, this practice comes with unseen dangers. Over on his blog Wayne Denner has written about this issue extensively, in a short but worthwhile read he exposes some of the potential issues, lurking in the e-space. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/protect-your-child-the-hidden-dangers-of-posting-back-to-school-photos-on-social-media/>

Question of the week

In cyber security, can you define the following: phishing, smishing, vishing and quishing? Can you give an example of one you have experienced?

Phishing is a malicious email that encourages you to click a link which could install trojan software to access your computer, email server or data. It might also leave a keylogger which would record your keystrokes, perhaps revealing your password.

Smishing is a malicious text message (SMS) that will have a link to click on your smartphone.

Vishing is a voice message or an actual caller aiming to find out your personal information, access your bank account or encourage you to make payments.

Quishing is a QR code that will take you to a malicious or fake site. There are examples where criminals have set up fake payment pages for car

parking charges using their QR code stuck over the top of the legitimate QR codes on signage.

The Evolution of Sextortion - Internet Watch Foundation

Previously we've commented on the issue of sextortion. A growing criminal trend in which unscrupulous actors, target individuals with the intention of gaining a hold over them. In this case it is achieved by luring targets into a compromising position utilising sex. The Internet Watch Foundation has recently shown that this issue, is no longer restricted to older children. As the trend has continued, criminal elements have become more adept at involving ever younger demographics. This they argue has been matched with an exponential increase in cruelty among young people. To read the findings of their report on the practice's evolution, please follow the link below:

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/news-media/news/exponential-increase-in-cruelty-as-sex-tortion-scams-hit-younger-victims/>

Safeguarding Handbook September 2024

The new Safeguarding Handbook is now at the printer's and will be posted out later this week. You buy your copy by clicking on the link below:

<https://checkout.safeguardingschools.co.uk/sh2024>

Helpline Information - NSPCC

This juncture of the school year asks us to look at our roster of materials and resources again. As new years pass into classrooms up and down the country, it is worth remembering the tools that can help us protect children. One of those is the NSPCC helpline. A service that leads directly to the UK's leading child protection charity. Remind your pupils that they always have somewhere to return to. Please follow the link below to be reacquainted with an excellent resource:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/nspcc-helpline>

Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs

"I just wanted to say that I thought today's training was absolutely fantastic. By a mile it was the most engaging training I have done."

Next live online course - 12th September 2024

Thursday 12th September 2024 [Book here](#)

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Live in-person, in London - 4th October 2024

Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs' Course on Friday 4th October 2024
LONDON [Book here](#)

Other available online courses include:

- Whole School Safeguarding Course for September 2024 (2 hours of content plus a break)

Online courses - Safeguarding.Pro

All our other courses are now available in [Safeguarding.Pro](#) These courses can be accessed for a full year.

Current courses include:

- Safeguarding Refresher
- An Introduction to Cybersecurity
- Safeguarding for Governance
- Safeguarding Induction for new staff

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Until next time, keep safe,

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