



As part of my new role I will be producing a half termly Safeguarding bulletin for families to keep you informed about local safeguarding concerns and provide information that you will find useful in keeping your child safe.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me directly on:

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Mrs H Keelan-Edwards, Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Our Local Safeguarding risks include: Child on Child abuse – online
Child on Child abuse – sexual harassment/sexual violence
Child criminal exploitation/County Lines

Please note: Our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Philip Wright

~~~ **KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE** ~~~

**Online Safety: What Can School Do?**

We follow Department for Education guidance on how to ensure students understand how to stay safe and behave online.

The guidance was introduced to support schools as part of the existing curriculum requirements and new requirements set out in compulsory Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education.

**Our IT filtering system (Smoothwall)**

Smoothwall provides daily alerts to all Heads of Year if a child has accessed an inappropriate website or looked for content that has raised concerns in any one of a number of prearranged areas including self-harm, medication and inappropriate images. The Heads of Year then monitor these reports and act if necessary.

**Senso cloud logging and reporting**

A monitoring client is installed on all school-purchased machines called SENSOcloud. This software monitors these devices and certain key words can trigger an event. This event involves taking a screenshot and the information is passed onto the relevant person for follow up.

Leading charities such as the Internet Watch Foundation and the Counter-Terrorism Internet Referral Unit update the keyword lists twice monthly, ensuring that we are monitoring for the very latest potential concerns and threats.

**IT lessons: What are students learning?**

- Y7 Autumn Term** Respectful online communication and who are you talking to?
- Y8 Autumn Term** Cyber bullying and grooming and cyber security
- Y9 Summer Term** Online safety
- Y10 Autumn Term** Online safety
- Sixth form Autumn Term** Online presence and safety

Mrs Sarah Lynch – (ex-police officer) has now spoken to all year groups during extended assemblies about the risks associated with being online and how to keep themselves safe.

**THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM AT RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

**MRS H KEELAN-EDWARDS** – Deputy Headteacher Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

**MRS C DAY** – Assistant Headteacher/ Head of Boarding and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

## ~~~ THE CURRICULUM IS DESIGN TO INCLUDE ONLINE SAFETY ~~~

### Students are taught:

- their rights, responsibilities and opportunities online, including that the same expectations of behaviour apply in all contexts, including online
- about online risks, including that any material someone provides to another has the potential to be shared online and the difficulty of removing potentially compromising material placed online
- not to provide material to others that they would not want shared further and not to share personal material which is sent to them
- what to do and where to get support to report material or manage issues online
- the impact of viewing harmful content
- that specifically sexually explicit material, for example pornography, presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves in relation to others and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners
- that sharing and viewing indecent images of children (including those created by children) is a criminal offence which carries severe penalties including jail
- how information and data is generated, collected, shared and used online

### How professionals can report concerns about online activity:

[Professionals Online Safety Helpline - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Please see below for details about how you can access some online courses focused on supporting your child over the Christmas break.

### Online Safety: What can parents/carers do?

For advice on how to set up parental controls on your child's devices please click here:

[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

How to report harmful online content and get help:

[Report Harmful Content - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

#### [Report to CEOP](#)

CEOP is a law enforcement agency and is designed to keep children and young people safe from sexual exploitation and abuse.

#### [IWF - Welcome to the IWF](#)

You can anonymously and confidentially report:

- Child sexual abuse pictures or videos on the internet
- Non-photographic child sexual abuse images



The poster features the NHS logo and 'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD SOLIHULL APPROACH' at the top. The main text reads 'Christmas time is FAMILY time!' in a festive font. Below this, it says 'UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD (0-19+ YRS) online course' and 'MODULE 7: HAVING FUN TOGETHER! (FOR ALL AGES)'. A quote says 'Learn all about making the most of your time together!'. At the bottom, it provides '24/7 ONLINE COURSES' and the website 'WWW.INOURPLACE.CO.UK'. A note at the very bottom states 'North Yorkshire families enter the access code NYFAMILIES to gain free access'.



### For further advice about Online Safety:

[Online Safety Leaflets & resources - Internet Matters](#)

[Internet-Matters-online-safety-Age-Guide-14plus.pdf \(internetmatters.org\)](#)

[Internet-Matters-online-safety-Age-Guide-11-13.pdf \(internetmatters.org\)](#)