

WORCESTERSHIRE VIRTUAL SCHOOL

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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Click on each of the following boxes to explore the different resources in this month's newsletter. Please feel free to save and share resources with colleagues, families and other professionals as appropriate.



Childnet: Mini Webinars

- Grooming, catfishing and sextortion
- Group chats and peer pressure
- Nude image sharing
- Online bullying and online sexual harassment
- Online pornography and misogyny
- Privacy settings and parental controls

Including practical tips to use at home, conversation starters, explanations of key terms, signposting to further resources and vital support



Try this....

Childnet's 'Reliability Online' is a resource helping young people to decide what they can trust when they are online. The resource covers a variety of risks including AI generated imagery, scams, fake news, body image, and social media bots.

Includes downloadable paper resource of supporting info/activities.



#Asktheawkward film & resources

Being online is an important part of how young people 'do' relationships. CEOP knows that these topics aren't always easy to talk about with parents/carers, so **#AskTheAwkward** has been created to help families explore online relationships with secondary aged children, making these conversations part of everyday life. They've picked out the key topics from each film and created help sheets and links to further info.



NSPCC FREE ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING

These 60 min online sessions cover topics such as:

- The voice of young people
- Harmful online content
- Grooming - signs and indicators
- Grooming – 'sextortion'
- Supporting young people to navigate social media
- Radicalisation
- Online scams and gaming risks
- Digital footprints and online presence



Reading Well

'Reading Well' is a dedicated collection of books that provides information and support for managing mental health and wellbeing for children, young people, teens and families.

Reading Well books are available to borrow from all Worcestershire libraries. Browse and download 'reading well' titles, **available in eBook and audiobook**, from the Borrowbox digital library.



We need you!

Please use the link above to share your examples of good practice, great ideas, helpful links and resources etc.

We'll include these in future newsletters as 'DT approved'

