



Designated Safeguarding
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Online Safety and Appropriate Use - Social media, TV, Gaming

At Hopton we are seeing and hearing of an increasing number of children accessing inappropriate content on their mobile phones or tablets whilst at home. This includes watching television programmes and playing games aimed at ages 18+. It also includes children receiving and sending inappropriate messages to each other either through social media or on gaming platforms. Some of the issues that are being brought into school are of increasing concern. The UK SaferInternet Centre has the following tips for parents.

1. Talk to your child about responsible use of their phone/tablet - what is okay and not okay to use it for? What are the risks?
2. Talk to your child about what they should do if something upsetting or worrying happens while using it.
3. Explore parental controls, both on the phone and for your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

The ThinkUKnow website is a great source of safety advice and help for parents

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Listing/?cat=66,67,68,69,70,72&ref=4765#mMain>

Bonfire and Firework Safety

Many of you will be attending firework displays over the weekend. West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue advise following these safety tips:

Bonfire Safety Tips

Once a bonfire is lit, make sure you:

- keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby in case of emergencies
- don't leave the bonfire unattended
- don't throw any fireworks into the fire
- don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint

Follow the firework code

- Stand well back
- Keep pets indoors
- Keep fireworks in a closed box

- Only buy fireworks that are CE marked
- Light at arm's length, using a taper
- Follow instructions on each firework
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit- even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode.

Safeguarding in the curriculum.

Recently our Year 3 children took part in some road safety training. This involved the children participating in a number of different activities led by the Kirklees Safer Roads. The Year 5 children also participated in Bikeability training, giving the children opportunity to learn how to ride safely on the roads.

Anti-bullying week: Hopton will be participating in the annual Anti-Bullying Week from the 15th-19th November. This year's theme is One Kind World. All the classes in school will be encouraged to take part in a number of different lessons and the assemblies will have an anti-bullying theme.

Parenting Support

Attached below are some information leaflets which may be useful for some parents.



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Are feeling angry, lonely,
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Follow Ben for a safe fireworks night

