Atlantic Academy Safeguarding for Primary Parents & Carers

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Parent/Carer Safeguarding Newsletter!

At Atlantic we take the welfare and safety of students very seriously, working hard to reduce all the kinds of harm that children can suffer, including abuse, bullying, discrimination and avoidable injuries. We strive to make sure that every student in the Academy feels secure, well cared for, and able to reach their full potential.

Atlantic Safeguarding Team:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Responsible for Safeguarding at Atlantic
Academy is:
Mrs S Hendrie

Mrs A Greaves and Mrs S Martin are Deputy DSLs.

We have a large number of staff trained at level 3 safeguarding, all members of SLT, pastoral teams & our Inclusion team. We are all here to support our parents, carers, staff and students.

Warning for parents and carers from Dorset Police:

Huggy Wuggy/Poppy Playtime - online game

Huggy Wuggy is a character from a computer game Poppy Playtime, which is a horror/survival game available on Steam, Poppy Playtime chapter 2 has been released 2022. There does not seem to be an age rating for Poppy Playtime and there are multiple copycat versions available for young people to download on Roblox and other app stores.
On YouTube there are lots of videos of game play of Poppy Playtime and the Huggy Muggy song - who sings about hugging you until you pop.

It is unsuitable for young children, videos of poppy playtime game play are NOT filtered out by Google safe search or YouTube restrictions and some game play videos are available on YouTube kids.

Please see further guidance here:

https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/12/03/poppy-playtime-online-safety-review/

Safer Internet Week

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 8th February 2022

Safer Internet Day 2022 was celebrated on Tuesday 8th February 2022 with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and

We are delighted to announce that **Atlantic Academy** has shown our commitment to protecting our students online by working with **National Online Safety** - providing resources for all parents and carers.
The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Social Media Platforms
- Online Bullying
- Screen Addiction
- Live Streaming

To access these resources and create your account, please follow:
https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/atlantic-academy-portland
and complete your details.

When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

relationships online'.

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

Is your child ready for social media?

Children love to socialise and as they get older, they will want to stay in touch with their friends online. In this article, we look at how you can help them make those first steps into social media a positive experience.

There are lots of social media websites and apps people use to chat, comment, share pictures and game with their friends.

Many parents and carers wonder when is the best age to let their child have a social media account. Some don't want their children to have underage accounts. Others may have decided their child is not quite ready for social networking, even if their child is begging them. Once children reach secondary school, they're likely to come under growing peer pressure to stay in touch with friends online.

If you are thinking about social media for your child, what should you consider and how can you help and support them?

Some great advice and guidance here to help you make the decision:

Is my child ready for social media?
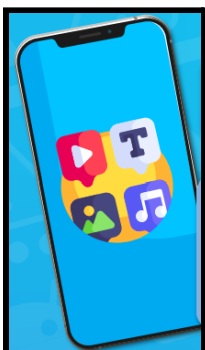
SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

We can all encourage our children to share kindness online, here are 5 ways we can promote this:

PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE   ①

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

REACH OUT   ②

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

RECOMMEND FUN THINGS   ③

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

OFFER TO HELP   ④

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

POST POSITIVELY   ⑤

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.