



ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back...

Welcome to the third issue of Kings Worthy Primary School's Online Safety Newsletter. We aim to share some useful information on current trends and help guides that you might want to explore. Our main features in this issue include:

- Parent Resource Hub - National Online Safety
- Online Safety Spotlight - Inappropriate and Explicit Content
- Online Trends - Among Us



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Online Safety @ KWPS

Remember that, although we share some resources to help with online safety at home, more resources are available on the online safety page on our website. Explore the different links to see what can help you at home:

<https://www.kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk/key-information/online-safety-at-kings-worthy>

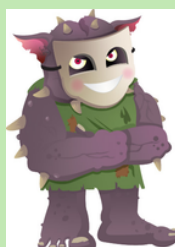
Beware the Trickster Trolls...

Among some of the best resources at home is the Lurking Trolls website created by Portsmouth City Council. This puts online safety into a fun and engaging context. The book, audio and cartoons are designed for KS2, and introduce a range of online safety issues including bullying, fake news and talking to strangers. Here is one of their characters:

Pretendor

The trickster of the trolls pops up out of the blue wanting to be your best friend. Soon they can turn to wanting things from you in return for being your friend.

<https://lurkingtrolls.com/>



Parent Resource Hub

Sharing a resource you could explore at home to support online safety.



National
Online
Safety®

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

National Online Safety is a school resource website that provides information for online safety. They also provide good information for parents and carers.



One of their most popular features is their weekly advice on a certain topic. This is shared on their twitter page [@natonlinesafety](https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety)

This is what one of their examples about **influencers** looks like. It includes information about what parents should be aware about:



ONLINE SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Inappropriate and Explicit Content



As children become more aware of the online world, they may see content that is not suitable for their age. This can be on games, social media or image searches online. It is important to create an environment which allows open conversations about content children may see. It is important that children feel they can discuss what they have seen to keep them safe.

Below are some resources that may help create this environment at home, with some guidance and resources to support children:

Hanni and the Magic Window:



Aimed at children from age 3, this book explores what happens when Hanni sees something upsetting and identifies who can help in this situation.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/hanni-and-the-magic-window/>

Calm Zone by Childline:

This explores many different activities to help calm children and relieve stress. This may help to begin conversations about inappropriate conversations.

CALM ZONE

Inappropriate and explicit content guide from NSPCC:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>

Online Trends - Among Us



What?

10-player game where children are assigned either a crewmate or an imposter at random. The task is to unmask the imposters by completing specific tasks.

Imposters will kill the crewmates, and when they spot a dead body, they are allowed to call a meeting to vote for an imposter.

Popularity?

One of the most popular games in 2020, and this has continued with children of a Primary School age.

It is simple to play, engaging, and has a fast pace. It allows children to play with their friends and is free to download.

- **Local game** - local games is where people can play together in a similar location using the same Wifi.
- **Online games** - can be public or private and connect with players in different locations.
- **Chat function** - the voting element of the game is completed in a chat which is unmoderated. This means children can be exposed to any chat within this function. Players have been known to share personal information in chat.
- **Violence** - one of the features of the game is violence where there are graphics of members being killed in a cartoon style.

More information:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/among-us>

If you would like any more information, to contact us about any concerns you have, or have anything you would like to see in our next newsletter, please contact Mr Rule via the admin office email.

