

Cherry Tree Primary School

E- Safety Training Report - September/ October 2020

Children's Workshops – 14.09.2020

The "2 Johns" delivered the training in school virtually, via a Zoom platform. Years 3,4,5,6 were each allocated a 40-minute time slot and the session was delivered directly into the classroom ensuring that the children remained safely within their bubbles. The children were all familiar with the professionals delivering the workshop and this helped to support interaction. All the children were asked to share their experiences online and it became apparent through discussion with children across KS2 at CTPS that children are now making more use of being online. In particular, Year 3 and 4 Children reported having more friends online during the recent lockdown period.

The children were able to share their ideas/experiences and recognise many of the current favourite apps. The children shared that 7 out of 10 of them have internet access without parental knowledge and that they often know their neighbours WIFI passwords or know how to use the "hotspot" facility on their parents device. 8 out of 10 children also admitted that they had an old device that their parent did not know about, which should make adults mindful and never underestimate what children may have access to.

The workshops looked at the dangers that children face online and what they should do if they do not feel safe or if they are made to feel scared or worried. The children enjoyed the sessions and interacted well and the feedback was positive. The following statements are from the children sharing what they had learnt from the workshops:

Do not use to face time with strangers.

Don't send strangers photos as they can find your location.

If you are kicked out of a chat with unknown people just walk away. Do not do challenge to get back onto the game or chat.

Not everyone is kind, some people are weirdos.

Not everything online is real.

Not everyone is who they say they are.

Don't do exactly what stars/influencers do as it could be dangerous.

If you can't talk to adults at home or school contact childline.

Do not send people pictures because they can go on the website and find where you live.

Don't trust everyone on a game-they aren't always the same in real life.

If you don't know someone in real life, you don't know them online.

Don't share personal information.

Parents' Workshops – 5.10.2020 /8pm 13.10.2020 /10.30am 19.10.2020/ 8pm

The parents' workshops were delivered virtually online via Zoom and lasted 90 minutes. They looked at the online world and how children and young people are using it. This included their favourite apps and games. It looked at the dangers that children face not only from predators but also from how they may be groomed in games. In addition, this year it looked at how children are being influenced online and how influencers work, which can lead our children to conduct dangerous challenges. Many of our parents have previously attended workshops and are now aware that paedophiles look to target and groom children. The analogy of a "Cliff Top Parent" was used as one who does not give any guidance or support to a child or young person in using the internet, just waits until they are of an age, and allows them to access online sites without any prior knowledge risking the fall and danger that may follow. This was then compared to a parent who gradually supports a child to have access online and this is more like "tying a rope around your child" and allowing them to learn how to access the internet safely.

Mass multi-player games such as Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite were all explored and it was shared that many children and young people are using these games to play with random strangers and are entering interactive worlds to chat to strangers; potentially putting them at risk of grooming.

The parents' workshops looked at solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe. These ranged from settings on apps, to safe use of games and how parents should approach the online arena.

The Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with was, once again discussed and made relevant for 2020-2021.

Over 60 parents logged into these sessions and were able to benefit from the up to date information provided by the 2 Johns. This year the delivery was more accessible for parents who were able to take part, on 3 different dates and times, online via the Zoom sessions. Previously there may have been childcare issues for families wanting to attend the session delivered on only one evening to adults only in school

Feedback from parents who saw the presentation were positive and included the following:

I saw the presentation and found it, as usual, quite useful, interesting and worrying.

What a strange world we now live in... it was a straightforward presentation with no audience interaction so I was unable to see if anyone else was there apart from the two Johns.

It left information and contact numbers on the screen at the end which was really useful.

No faces on screen apart from two Johns which may be good for anyone who is shy!

I think every parent should see this and, even more importantly, benefit from being enabled to be more supportive to their children.

I found the 2 Johns presentation informative, I think having 2ndry school age children at home helps as I knew all of the apps/sites they talked about. I think the importance on communication within the family is important which I am pleased they kept bringing up.