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Parent Bulletin

Ukraine Crisis

You may be wanting to support your child with understanding the crisis in Ukraine. Here is a very good website with resources that are useful at this difficult time: <https://em-edsupport.org.uk/ukraine>

Safeguarding

Have you downloaded the National Online Safety App to help keep your child safe online?

The app, which is now available to download, is designed to help parents and educators protect children from heightened online safety risks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recent studies have shown that 69% of parents witnessed their children’s screen-time skyrocket over the last 12 months, with young people spending as much as 9 hours a day in front of screens during lockdown.

In response, National Online Safety - with funding from Innovate UK - has created a comprehensive mobile app that provides parents and schools with expert advice on keeping children safe online.

The app provides instant access to an online safety course for parents, designed by experts and delivered by Myleene Klass, as well as hundreds of guides on the latest apps, games and devices used by children.

These resources have all been compiled by trusted subject matter experts to reflect the latest online trends and changes in Government policy for schools.

The platform has already received enthusiastic feedback from schools and parents across the UK. Kathy Thompson, Executive Headteacher at West Road Primary Academy in Doncaster, said:

"The National Online Safety app is a much-needed resource, especially for those who don't feel confident in their knowledge of new apps and games. Checking it is now part of my daily routine, and I think that it will go a long way to help teachers who, like me, want to protect their students around the clock."

Hannah Kingsley is the Online Safety and Digital Curriculum Lead for EYFS and Key Stage One at Grove Street Primary School in Birkenhead. She also said:

"I really like the app - It is so useful to have all of this information on hand, it makes sharing content with colleagues and parents even easier."

Michelle Anderson, a parent at Wilmslow High School in Cheshire, also added that the app has:
"A great layout – really easy to navigate. Lots of information and the course layout is good."

You can create an account for laptop/desktop access here: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/arnold-hill-academy>

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Exam Season

The exam season is approaching fast and we would like to share some resources that are available for students and parents to support preparation and reduce anxiety.

Coping with exam pressure – A guide for students

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coping-with-exam-pressure-a-guide-for-students/coping-with-exam-pressure-a-guide-for-students>

Resources for managing test-related anxiety

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/resources-for-managing-assessment-related-anxiety/resources-for-managing-test-related-anxiety>

KS4 Google page – Subject information and revision tips

<https://sites.google.com/arnoldhillacademy.co.uk/keystage4/home>

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