CJA Safeguarding Newsletter

Minecraft

Minecraft is an extremely popular game but it is also one where parents may need extra support, in order to keep their child safe whilst playing it.

Children told the NSPCC that their top concerns when playing Minecraft are:

- Bullying
- Talking to strangers
- Hacking
- Downloading viruses

They may also come across inappropriate content like violent or sexual language and images.

To help keep children safe on Minecraft, make sure:

- You know where they're playing
- They're using appropriate safety settings
- You talk to them about what to do if they see anything upsetting

To find out more about Minecraft and keeping your children safe, visit:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/minecraft-a-parents-guide/

Here you will also find an option to explore the game.

Sexting

"Sexting is when someone shares sexual, naked or semi-naked images or videos of themselves or others, or sends sexually explicit messages. They can be sent using mobiles, tablets, smartphones, laptops - any device that allows you to share media and messages." - **NSPCC Definition**

It may be a good time to start discussing sexting with your child and to explain what the risks of this are, as well as the laws that are linked to sexting. For some young people, if they know they will be breaking the law by sexting, it may just make them think twice.

For more information on sexting, visit: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting/

Racism

We do not tolerate racism of any kind at Cecil Jones. It is important for any young person to let a member of staff know if they feel they are a victim of racism, so it can be dealt with immediately.

4 things to remember

- It is illegal to treat someone differently or unfairly because of their race
- Racism and racial bullying is wrong, even if the person doesn't realise they're doing it
- If someone commits a crime against you because of your race, religion or culture that is a hate crime
- You're not alone, and there are ways to get support.

For more information, please visit: https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/crime-law/racism-racial-bullying/

Extremism

'As a parent, you need to be aware that individuals and groups with extremist views use the internet and social media to spread their ideologies. Children spend a lot of time online, and this has made them more susceptible to extremism, whether from Islamists or the far right.' - **Educate Against Hate**

All children, but especially vulnerable children, can be open to becoming radicalised and we all need to try and protect our young people from this. During secondary school, it can be difficult to tell whether any changes in your child's behaviour is 'normal' and part of becoming a teenager, or whether it is something to be concerned about. In order to understand and notice signs of radicalisation, you can visit: https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/signs-of-radicalisation/

If you would like to contact outside agencies for advice, help or guidance, please contact one of the numbers below.

Contact	Times Available	Telephone Number
First Contact Team (Social Care)	Mon-Thurs: 9am-5.30pm Friday: 9am – 4.30pm	01702 534496/215870
Emergency Duty Team (Social Care)	Out of hours, 365 days a year	08456061212
NSPCC Child Protection Helpline		0808 800 5000
Police		999
ChildLine		0800 1111 (Free)

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, or if you would like to speak to someone in regards to safeguarding at Cecil Jones Academy, please contact one of the staff members shown below who are all part of the Safeguarding Team

Miss J Hughes

Mrs S Godfrey

Mr G Rodulfo

Miss K Sear