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Online Safety for Schools - Colleges (Years 1 - 13)

'A Schools Responsibility – Navigating Through the Digital Minefield'

Online Safety is about Behaviour, it is The Informed Use of Devices, Sites, Apps & Gaming & Online Behaviour that makes for a Safe Online Environment.

Teaching Online Safety in Schools 2021-2022

https://youtu.be/5Whwlop4oVM Online Safety within Safeguarding is now certainly very much 'stand-alone' and requires specific training / workshops for the Whole School, staff, pupils & parents, supplied by qualified, experienced and competent experts who continue to research the area of Online Safety and Online behaviour.

Online Safety is also of paramount importance, irrespective of country, as all children, teenagers and young adults use devices, social media / apps / gaming, which can have a massive impact on their future goals and targets (ie CyberVetting for Employment & Universities). Online Safety is about behaviour and understanding the difference between appropriate and inappropriate online behaviour, to avoid becoming an intended or unintended victim of online exploitation (Bullying / Grooming / Radicalisation / Reputational Damage / Hacking / Data Abuse / Webcam Compromise / Cyber Vetting Issues).

Without a doubt, many of your students have social media / gaming accounts and now enjoy many hours of screen time, however not all screen time will be an issue and possibly be unsafe - it is all about behaviour and what is Appropriate as opposed to Inappropriate / Unacceptable / Illegal behaviour.

Many teachers also use social media both for personal and professional use, and for the most part, that is completely safe. From a professional standpoint it can enhance your network of contacts, engage you in important discussions, extend your own learning and even provide a platform for class projects. As for personal use, well, teachers have lives, families, friends, and interests just like everyone else, so naturally, many are drawn to social media to connect to and interact with the people they care about.

COVID-19 meant that virtual learning and working from home became the 'norm', and the reliance on the internet has never been greater. This also means that for the first-time students are encouraged to use their devices which for many will mean a rise in Social Media usage, Gaming usage and a substantial increase in screen time. This increased usage will mean far more cases of Online Bullying, Stranger interaction, and the possibility of Grooming, therefore Online Safety advice has never been more vital and important.

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Having worked extensively in International Schools in Europe, Middle East and Far East Asia and I have a deep knowledge of the technological context in which international schools work and therefore have a unique insight into international schools' specific context and always tailor my approach accordingly (*no other Online safety supplier provides such expertise in this bespoke setting*). I always focus on the practical application of Online safety & Social Media Training that is up to date, current & relevant; and explore the wide range of Online Behaviour and most current 'Online Safety message', not simply standard, ad-hoc 'Online Safety' Advise - *'Explaining Why Online Exploitation can occur is As Important as How'*

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Jonathan is a renowned Online Safety & Social media Awareness Consultant for all Schools, nationally and internationally, continuing to deliver leading Online Safety Workshops for Staff, Students and parents.

Jonathan spent 30 years in the UK, Metropolitan Police Force, specialising in Child Safeguarding and spent 10 years as an undercover Police Officer identifying Online Predators. This unique experience, accompanied with his advanced knowledge and qualifications, allows Jonathan to offer and deliver the most exclusive, progressive, and requested Online Safety workshops.

As an Independent Online Safety and Social Media consultant (www.onlinesafety4schools.co.uk) Jonathan delivers Online Safety workshops to Schools specifically supplying Online Safety awareness for pupils, parents, and staff. Jonathan advises and assists schools in the importance and creation of robust Online Safety and acceptable use policies. Jonathan also speaks to Child Safeguarding Professionals on how to recognise and understand Online Child Sexual Exploitation and what tools are available to help keep their children safe.

Jonathan frequently appears on Sky News, BBC Breakfast TV and Radio as an Online Safety Expert and has filmed Documentaries for Channel 4 & CBS on the dangers of Online Grooming

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