



SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Safer Schools Quarterly review

Happy New Year!

Like in our previous Newsletters we would like to remind parents/ carers that you should report incidents directly to the school who take primacy in investigating. If any incident is reported to the police we record it, notify the school, liaise with the investigating teacher, and deal with the incident under SSP guidance. This approach is restorative and our priority is to educate / safeguard, not criminalise.

DON'T BE FOOLED

We need your help to warn young people about the dangers and consequences of becoming a money mule?

A money mule is someone who transfers money through their bank account on behalf of someone else and is paid for doing so.

Criminals need money mules to launder the profits of their crimes.

Young people are increasingly being targeted to become money mules. They are approached online or in person, including through social media, at school, college or sports clubs. Sometimes people they know persuade them to take part, often because they are also acting as money mules.

Mules will usually be unaware of where the money comes from – commonly fraud and scams - and that it can go on to fund crimes such as drug dealing and people trafficking.

Being a money mule is illegal.

When someone is caught, their bank account will be closed, and they will have problems getting student loans, mobile phone contracts and credit in the future. They could even face arrest for money laundering which carries a maximum sentence of 14 years in prison.

What to look out for.

Tell-tale signs that someone might be involved could be them suddenly having extra cash, buying expensive new clothes or top-of-the-range mobile phones and gadgets with very little explanation as to how they got the money. They may also become more secretive, withdrawn or appear stressed.

You and your child can learn more and get advice by visiting www.moneymules.co.uk together.

If you are worried that someone close to you might be caught up in money muling, you can contact Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Please do not attempt to contact any individual you suspect of organising money muling.

DON'T FEEL PRESSURED BY YOUR CHILDREN

“But all my friends have them”!!

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
OCEAN COUNTY, N.J.

APPS EVERY PARENT OF A TEEN SHOULD KNOW

- YUBO**
Known as the tinder for teens. You swipe to make a connection with people. It allows you to easily meet strangers online and in real life.
- MONKEY**
It randomly connects other users for 10 second video chats. You can accept or reject a chat as you can both see the user name, age, gender and location. Porn is prevalent.
- HOUSEPARTY**
Group video chat app for between 2-8 people. Strangers can ask to connect, but you can easily reject. You can also lock a chat room down. Screenshots can be taken.
- TUMBLR**
Users create short blogs, share photos, videos and their thoughts. It's very public and has easy access to porn and inappropriate content.
- LIVE.ME**
Live streaming app that anyone can see. Location is also shared. Bullying and inappropriate content is rife here.
- SNAPCHAT**
You can send message and images that disappear within seconds. Stories last for 24hrs.
- KIK**
Is a messaging app that allows communication between users. Chatting with strangers easy to do.
- WHISPER**
Is an anonymous social confessional app. Users post what's on their mind and secrets. Content can be dark and inappropriate.
- MEET.ME**
Users can chat to anyone online and they are matched up with people similar to them. Location services are turned on so you can meet people who are close by.
- ASK.FM**
Ask questions anonymously and get answers from anyone. Bullying is rife here.
- INSTAGRAM**
Watch out for Finsta's or fake Instagram accounts. This is often where content is shared that parents don't know about.
- WISHBONE**
An app that allows users to compare anything by creating polls and voting. Be wary of the messaging.
- SECRET APPS**
These apps hide photos and messages that teens don't want see. To search go to app store and search these keywords: "secret, hidden, vault, private photos" or combinations of these.

“Everyone at school is on Snapchat”

NOT A REASON TO ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO HAVE ACCESS

Less likely to accidentally see inappropriate content if age restrictions are adhered to

Any questions please email:

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