

Safeguarding Newsletter

Summer Term 2026



Welcome to the Safeguarding Summer Newsletter.

We have arrived at the summer holidays! The focus of this newsletter will be sun safety, water safety and online safety. Hopefully, the sun will continue to shine throughout the holidays!

We would like to wish all of the Year 6s the best of luck as they move on to their new schools and we are looking forward to welcoming our new reception students in September. Transitions to new schools are an excellent opportunity for all to check their own social media pages and consents and to refresh ourselves on the current age limitations placed upon apps and games. There is advice on this below.

Online Safety

During the summer, our young people will naturally want to spend more time on devices and phones. Unfortunately, there is a lot of very damaging material on the internet which is now accessible through even the strictest filtering settings. Please check your internet settings and review what your child has been accessing on a regular basis.

Many social media platforms have a minimum age requirement so we would advise you to think very carefully and read the information in the links below before making a decision on letting your child access these platforms.

The HAMWIC online safety hub ([Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust](#)) is a fantastic resource that can be used to support e-safety in the home environment by including tips on keeping everyone safe online, how to make sure parental controls are strong and advice on screen time etc. Online safety experts have reviewed many social media platforms, games and messaging services to give their recommendation of age appropriateness and a breakdown of the potential dangers that young people could face when using these sites. These reviews can be found here:

[Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust.](#)

A reminder of the legal ages for some apps/sites are in the picture to the right. It is worth pointing out that the online safety experts often recommend that the age restrictions should be higher as can be seen on the next page.



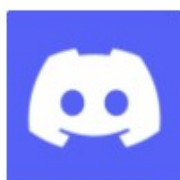
Expert reviews



Social media

9GAG

Our Age Rating: 17+



Social media

Discord

Our Age Rating: 17+



Social media

Tellonym

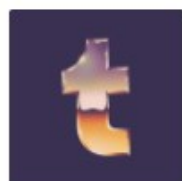
Our Age Rating: 17+



Social media

Bigo Live

Our Age Rating: 18+



Social media

Tumblr

Our Age Rating: 16+



Social media

YouTube

Our Age Rating: 13+



Social media

Instagram

Our Age Rating: 16+



Social media

Snapchat

Our Age Rating: 16+



Social media

X

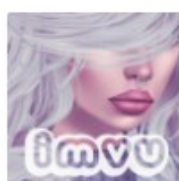
Our Age Rating: 16+



Social media

Facebook

Our Age Rating: 16+



Social media

IMVU

Our Age Rating: 17+



Social media

TikTok

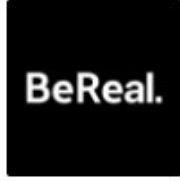
Our Age Rating: 16+



Social media

Pinterest

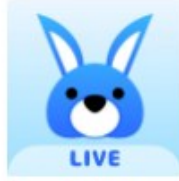
Our Age Rating: 13+



Social media

BeReal.

Our Age Rating: 13+



Social media

Joiny

Our Age Rating: 18+



Social media

Coverstar



Social media

RedNote (Xiaohongshu)

Our Age Rating: 16+



Social media

Reddit

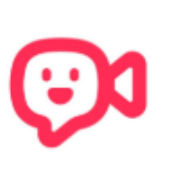
Our Age Rating: 16+



Social media

Zepeto

Our Age Rating: 16+



Messaging

JusTalk Kids

Our Age Rating: 7+



Messaging

Messenger Kids

Our Age Rating: 9+



Messaging

Kik

Our Age Rating: 18+



Messaging

WhatsApp

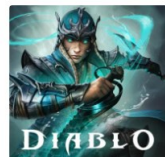
Our Age Rating: 14+



Gaming

Fortnite

Our Age Rating: 13+



Gaming

Diablo Immortal

Our Age Rating: 17+



Gaming

Bloons TD 6

Our Age Rating: 9+



Messaging

Gmail

Our Age Rating: 12+



Messaging

Messenger

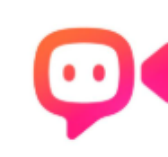
Our Age Rating: 16+



Messaging

Telegram

Our Age Rating: 17+



Messaging

JusTalk

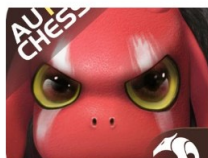
Our Age Rating: 16+



Gaming

aquapark.io

Our Age Rating: 10+



Gaming

Auto Chess - Global Teamfights

Our Age Rating: 12+



Gaming

BitLife

Our Age Rating: 18+



Messaging

Signal

Our Age Rating: 13+

If you would like to see a breakdown of the reasons for the experts recommendation or find other reviews please click here: [Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust](#)

Sun, Water and Beach Safety

Hopefully, we are in for a hot summer where we can celebrate living near to so many beautiful beaches. Please find below some information from the RNLI and the RLSS about using the beaches safely. Please remember to drink plenty of water, use sun protection and to remain safe when near, or in, water.



BE SUN SMART

-  Put on a Shirt
-  Put on Sunscreen
-  Wear a Hat
-  Wear Sunglasses
-  Stay in the Shade



**SHARE THE SUN SAFE STORY
WITH YOUR CHILD**

BE SAFE HAVE FUN!

If you are in and around the water
ALWAYS REMEMBER TO:

- 1 STOP AND THINK**
- 2 STAY TOGETHER**
- 3 FLOAT**
- 4 CALL 999 OR 112**

**FIND MORE FUN
AND SAFETY TIPS AT
RNLI.org**



The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.
RNLI is a registered charity in England and Wales (209680), Scotland (SC037796),
the Republic of Ireland (20020000), the Bailiwick of Jersey (04), the Isle of Man, the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney.

Lifeboats

LEARN TO FLOAT

If you get in trouble
in the water, don't
panic – follow
these steps:

- 
1 Keep calm. Don't swim hard.
Hold onto anything that floats.
- 
2 Lean back to keep your mouth
and nose out of the water.
- 
3 Push your belly up and
stretch out your arms and
legs into a star shape.
- 
4 Gently move your hands
and feet to help you float.
- 
5 Do this until you feel
more relaxed.
- 
6 When you're calm, raise your
arm and shout for help.
Swim to safety if you can.

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.
RNLI is a registered charity in England and Wales (209680), Scotland (SC037796),
the Republic of Ireland (20020000), the Bailiwick of Jersey (04), the Isle of Man, the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney.

Lifeboats

Safeguarding During School Holidays

During the school holidays, the safeguarding@livingstoneprimary.org email will be manned daily for emergencies.

If you are having challenges financially, need advice on parenting strategies or need signposting to further support, the BCP Online Family Hub ([Welcome to your online family hub](#)) is a great resource to access. If you would like to speak to someone you can contact the Early Help Access Point and this is an excellent first port of call. They are contactable Monday to Friday on **01202 126668**.

If you need to report a concern about a child, please call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **01202 123334** Monday to Thursday between the hours of 08.30 and 17.15 or on Friday between 08.30 and 16.45. You can also email them at this address: childrensfirstresponse@bcpcouncil.gov.uk.

Out of Hours Children's Social Care are available on **01202 738256** on Monday to Friday between 21.00 and 09.00 or all day Saturday and Sunday. You should only call this number if the safety and/or welfare of a child or young person is at serious risk of significant harm, and the situation cannot wait until 9am the next working day.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.