

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know the teachers, LSAs and mid-day staff attended training following key stage two's visit to Joyce Frankland to see the two John's Stranger Danger workshop.

Every year we attend and every year I am more shocked about how adults are exploiting our children and subjecting them to seeing and hearing sexual and violent content.

Here are the notes I took at the workshop for staff, please read, especially as your children may well be accessing youtube, games and apps over the half term holidays.

So our Y3 and 4 children knew all of the apps they put up on the screen - even the dodgy ones and got 15/15. In secondary schools only 1 child could say them all. They emphasised that it is the primary aged children who are really targeted.



Tik Tok - is the new musical.ly. The kids are chuffed because parents won't let them on musical.ly but will let them use tik tok. It is a lip-syncing app - they do a 10-15 second video of themselves and then they want to post it. They don't want to keep it private, they want it shared publicly.

If you are a kid and sharing publicly, you will be watched by paedophiles, there is no doubt about it. The children know they will be watched by strangers. The paedophiles will ask for a naked picture - they gave the example of a 9 year old girl, she said no and they said I know where you go to school - she had her uniform hanging in her room. The man went back through the other videos she had posted and found a way of tracing her and threatening her.

Tik Tok - children also know they are watching videos with bad language, I will talk more about this later.

The paedophiles save the videos of the children (usually young girls singing) and share with their friends. There is a copy link symbol for a forum making it really easy and quick for the paedophiles to share videos.

This year it is the most popular app - most downloaded in the world.

Cleverly, they have made it so they need a 1000 followers to live stream...so the children are desperate to get as many followers as they can, whether they are complete strangers or not!

Youtube - Do you know what your children are looking at? Please take the time to look at these videos so you have an idea of what they might have seen or what other children may be talking to them about - or asking them to watch. When you type the names of these artists into Youtube it is the top one that comes up - you don't have to try hard to find them.

Again, the children ALL knew there are 3 outrageous videos out at the moment. They know the top trending video this year is 'Freaky Friday'. The kids said there is racist language, sex and swearing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZla1ttZHaw>

Kanye West - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwQgjq0mCdE>

Nicki Minaj https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_bvLphVWHpo

We worry about children accessing porn but popular culture is showing them pornographic type material and exposing them to this language. Paedophiles will say lets do a 'Kylie Jenner' (I am afraid I don't actually know what this means!)



Twitch - this is a gaming app that encourages children to live stream while they are gaming. Apparently the boys all tend to play in just their pants (because it is more comfortable?!) Well, if your son does this, please just have a think about who could be watching them and it probably isn't for their actual gaming skills! The kids can download this from any devices, playstations etc. and anyone in the world can watch them playing their game and interact with them. Bad language is also a big concern here. Apparently boys are caught out playing Fortnite and if wearing their school uniform., this is used by paedophiles to get them to exchange a picture because they threaten them with 'I know where you live'.



Live.me lets you live stream , whatever you might want to live stream- figures show 98% are 13 or under and 96% of these are girls and alone in their bedrooms.

73% of all captured content appears on dedicated paedophile forums. This is horrific!

Live.me - look at it in the morning and night, very different. Girls are in their car seats talking about their journeys to school or getting ready for school.

The only people who are watching this are paedophiles. They showed an example of a Y6 girl getting ready, watched by over 400 people, she was being told how beautiful she was and can then be privately messaged and then get bought 'dollars with wings'. Other people can also record what they are watching the child do. They can then send the video back to the child and blackmail them. Our children admitted they would not tell their parents if this happened.



Roblox - 'adopt me' is one of the biggest games in Roblox. The kids tend to play the role of little people and the paedophiles play the part of the 'parents' The characters are played by real people - they can be subjected to watching people having sex and can be asked to role play rude, adult stuff. 95% plus of children are playing Roblox. Kids doing funny dances come from the characters simulating sex in Roblox (apparently).

100% of our children admitted to having 'friends' online that they don't know in real life. This is KS1 and KS2 children.

They can go on whatsapp and talk to the players in Roblox if parents have put blocks on.

Kids get round things - if they don't have a headset they facetime people to play live.

The two Johns reiterated that when children take photos/use a camera they can be located by anyone who wants to find them.



Snapchat - less of a problem for primary - but there can be a bullying element.

Y3s seem to be the first year group talking about being youtubers in real life, when they grow up. This is scary - they will be wanting people to like them. They will be giving out their snapchat ID to get more likes. Again they can be easily located - make sure they are on ghostmode. Go on the friends page or camera page if you put your finger and thumb on the screen to pinch together and it will show you where you are. It is incredibly accurate. When you enable ghost mode then select 'until turned off'.

Especially key for families who may not want to be found, e.g. if they have a looked after child or have experienced domestic violence.

Paedophiles go to a website and can see exactly where you live. What is terrifying is that they use this to blackmail children. Our children said NONE of them would tell their parents, it was instant and they didn't hesitate. Their reasons - they came up with about 20 different punishments., but mostly they don't want to lose their devices.

If you are giving your child a device, you are trusting them. By taking these away you are ensuring your child will not tell you if something goes wrong. They will not talk to you or tell you if they are in danger.

Just educate them about stranger danger and keeping safe.



Fortnite - ALL of our children said they tell parents they are playing with friends even though they are playing with strangers! Logistically, working around dinner times etc - just isn't realistic.

The kids' don't play in the street nowadays - their online world is the street. Acknowledge they are going to want to talk to strangers in the game. They will need to play with others. I think they need to be in teams of 100? They know they need to delete that stranger and uninvite them to the party afterwards to stay safe. If the same stranger comes back the next day, the children recognised that they would be a weirdo and they shouldn't play with them again.

The children know this and this should be reiterated to help them keep safe. They have spotted a bad situation and should be able to tell an adult and it be okay. If you have a problem - report to CEOP. Ideally let the children report it if Y5 or above. Make sure it is close to the truth. This way, having this approach your child will tell you and know what to do if they are playing games and this happens.

They use the analogy of a Japanese bullet train. Kids can't wait to get off at the stops - the apps. Parents have a conscious decision to make, do they get on with their child and get off at each stop and try and find a safe way for them to engage with it? Even if you look and can't see a way for it to be safe, say to your child - have a look, see if you can find a way to make this safe and we can re-look. When children think they are in control they will usually make the right choice.

Go to the two Johns' website - they now have a quick guide to apps www.esafetytraining.org

<https://www.common sense media.org> Common sense media, this is another useful website and gives a great overview; with both children's and adults' perspectives.

The latest figures show 75% of pre-school children own or have access to a device. It is so important we help children to understand how to keep themselves safe and understand what stranger danger online looks like.

I hope this has been useful, please always come and talk to us if you have any worries. Remember too, that just because you might not let your child play Fortnite at home (it is 12 rated for a reason), Grand Theft Auto or Call of Duty (both rated 18), other parents do allow their children to play them, so they will know more than you think - start those conversations and help to keep them safe and help to preserve their innocence just a fraction longer.

Have an enjoyable half term and I look forward to seeing the children on Monday 5th November.

Best wishes

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