



Safeguarding Briefing for Parent/ Carers 10/02/17

Equality/Safeguarding & LGBT

I have now developed a supportive BIG BUTTON on the website for students who are struggling with their sexuality or need some support. There is something similar designed on the parents section to offer guidance and support to you too!



Disrespect NoBody Campaign

The Home Office launched its 'Disrespect NoBody' Campaign last week aimed at preventing young people, both boys and girls aged 12 to 18 years old from becoming perpetrators and victims of abusive relationships.

The advertising will be seen during Hollyoakes, the Brit Awards, Big Bang Theory, Spotify, and online including YouTube and Snapchat. Young people are being directed to the 'Disrespect NoBody' website which can be found here: www.disrespectnobody.co.uk

The 'Disrespect NoBody' campaign runs until the end of March.

Social Networking

THE CHAT ROOM SHORTHAND EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW



POPULAR 'TEXT SPEAK.'

- A/S/L - AGE SEX LOCATION?
- POS - PARENT OVER SHOULDER
- BRB - BE RIGHT BACK
- NALOKPT - NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THAT
- YOYO - YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN
- P111 - PARENT ALERT
- PIR - PARENTS IN ROOM
- LMIRL - LET'S MEET IN REAL LIFE
- WE - WHATEVER
- Q4U QUESTION FOR YOU

Hundreds of abbreviations and codes are being used by young people to communicate with friends and strangers in the virtual realm.

The meaning of the screenspeak used on Facebook chat, texts and chat rooms like Instagram is aimed at appearing to be gobbledegook to the prying eyes of parents.

For example P911 means Parent Alert, MBM means Mum Behind Me, ASL means Age, Sex, Location? and RUS means Are You Single?

It is a fast and exclusive way for young people to talk privately without worrying about adults reading over their shoulder or checking their history, and the vast majority of conversations are little more than meaningless gossip among friends. But paedophiles can use it to pose as children to target victims.

It is a risk that remains low, but one that parents are being urged to know about.



Parents with concerns can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0800 328 0904, or police. Reports of abuse can also be made at the CEOP website www.ceop.police.uk

Please remember to view previous copies of the briefing for more information advice and guidance about safeguarding and safety! These can be found under the safeguarding and news section of the website.

Regards, Paula

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