

Welcome to our summer term copy of our eSafety newsletter.

More useful information and websites can be found on our school website at: <https://www.st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

Please do get in touch if you have any questions, comments or concerns you would like to discuss with us.

Many thanks for your continued support.  
The St Peter at Gowts Team



We love National Online Safety in school. The CPD and resources are brilliant for ensuring we are kept up to date with the latest developments and resources to deliver the best eSafety curriculum possible.

For the past three years, we have achieved the NOS accredited school award and we are keen to gain this accreditation again this school year and need the support from parents and carers to be able to do so.

If you haven't signed up already, please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account. You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-peter-at-gowts-ce-primary-school>

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the 'Online Safety for Parents and Carers' course and all the resources the site has on offer.

NOS publish weekly guides to support schools and parents with getting to know different apps, social media platforms and websites etc. We will retweet the guides each week so do keep an eye on the school Twitter accounts. These can also be found on the NOS website when you have created an account.

## Huggy Wuggy

Just prior to the half term break there was a lot of chatter in the media/social media about Huggy Wuggy, including from authorities such as the Police, in relation to concerning content on YouTube, YouTube Kids, Roblox and TikTok. If you're not aware, Huggy Wuggy is a blue, furry, sharp-toothed character from a 12+ horror-genre game called Poppy Playtime. Many of the concerns were in relation to a song that Huggy Wuggy sings about hugging and killing, however some of the information was misleading.

If you are at all concerned about this, please feel free to get in touch with us. The following article from Snopes is useful and looks at the facts: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/danidiplacido/2022/04/12/the-huggy-wuggy-youtube-panic-explained/?sh=1cb5028936be> .

## TikTok - Fake Ukraine War News

Recent studies show that children are likely to get their news from social media and YouTube. Sadly, some of this is fake, false or misleading but appears to be real.

In relation to the current crisis in Ukraine, this includes scenarios recorded in the popular game Call of Duty and uploaded to appear as though it actually happened. In school, we talk to children about fake news and what we can do if we are upset by something we see in the news and information and encourage parents and carers to do the same at home. If you are at all concerned about this, please feel free to get in touch with us.

To read more about the fake TikTok videos there is a good article on the BBC website here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/60867414> .

### Free Books about online safety

**On the Internet** is a learning-to-read book brought to us by Childnet for children aged 4+ about all the wonderful things you can do on the Internet as well as advice. The book is a PDF download, it's free, and it can be downloaded here:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book/> .

An old but still a very good resource for younger children, **Goldilocks** is a modern twist on the classic fairy tale for parents to discuss all things social media with their children. It is free (PDF download) and there is an activity sheet to go with it. You can download from the Vodafone website here:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks> .



All staff across school are still busy Tweeting! We do encourage parents to create a Twitter account and follow staff across school- not just the adults in your child's class. Adults will be Tweeting lots of bits and pieces, which may not always be directly linked to their class.

We are aware of age restrictions on certain social media sites and we support these. We would like to remind all children and parents that children should not be opening Twitter accounts without parental consent and would suggest that you are monitoring who they are following and their followers if you are happy with them having an account. It is also recommended that children are supported in ensuring their privacy settings are safe and secure. Teachers will continue to talk about this in class.

The main school feed shared by Mrs Hickerton

@StPeteratGowts

Nursery

Miss Billingham @mrsbspag

Mrs Cook @mrscookspag

Miss Budden @missbuddenspag

Miss Blackman @msblackmanspag

Miss Parkin @missparkingspag

KS1

Mrs Pinney @mrspinneyspag

Mrs Park @mrsparkspag

Mrs Loveday @mrslovedayspag

Mrs Phillips @mrspspag

Mrs Morgan @mrsmorganspag

Mrs Mayer @mrsmayerspag

LKS2

Miss Smith @misssmithspag

Mrs Thorne @mrsthornespag

Miss Carter @carterspag

UKS2

Mrs Bradley @mrsbradleyspag

Miss Hayward @misshaypspag

Miss White @misswhitespag

Mr Marshall @mrmarshallspag

Mr Magee @mrmageespag

Mr Magee works with children across the whole school!