

Article 1: All children under 18 have rights
Article 19: I have a right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated
Article 24: I have a right to ... a safe environment...
(UN Convention on the Rights of a Child)

Safeguarding News

If you are worried about a child or need any advice, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our Safeguarding Team. This can be via the office or by email dsl@uppernidderdalefed.school



Miss Thornber



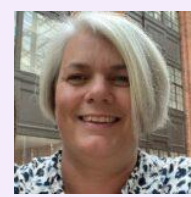
Mrs Wilkinson



Mrs Thomas



Mrs Lumley



Mrs Fearnley

Discord

Please take some time to read this information about Discord; a popular communication app. We have become aware that some of our pupils are using Discord as a way of communicating with each other. This app is for children aged 13+ and without the correct restrictions on the app children are susceptible to being groomed by strangers.

We urge you to talk to your children about if they are using this app and explain to them the dangers of doing so.

PSHE

This half term we will be looking at 'Taking responsibility for my safety.'

DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Accessing inappropriate content

As with any voice and text app service, there is a concern that your child may hear explicit language or see adult content from videos or messages other people have shared. Sharing images, particularly sexualised images, can also increase the likelihood of a child receiving inappropriate sexual contact from strangers online. In 2017, Gizmodo reported that messages depicting child pornography were being shared via Discord.

Cyberbullying

In live chats and calls your child can't control what other people say, which may lead to them seeing or hearing something that they find upsetting. Last year a report claimed young gamers experience shocking levels of abuse online. Brighton-based anti-bullying charity Ditch the Label found that 64% of youngsters had been the targets of malicious trolling, half had experienced hate speech or been threatened and 45% said they had stopped playing an online game or considered it, because of bullying or trolling.

Being targeted by strangers

There are always concerns that people pretend to be someone they are not on the internet, including scammers, hackers and online predators. There is the concern on Discord that people are able to send messages by joining a particular chat server, direct messaging the individual members, and then quickly leaving to avoid detection.

Servers and tags

Discord allows people to create servers where you can send messages, pictures, videos, voice messages, and much more. Server owners can also create tags or nicknames for each individual in the server. While this can be quite fun, it can potentially be upsetting for a child if the server owner decides to change their nickname to something hurtful. It is important that your child feels comfortable in speaking to you or another responsible adult if this happens.

If you need support please let us know by emailing familysupportworker@uppernidderdalefed.school

Safeguarding is a priority here!