



Safeguarding Matters

Information for Parents/Carers

December 2019

The aim of this newsletter is to communicate key information to parents concerning Safeguarding and how at Paget, we aim to keep you informed about safeguarding and the welfare of the pupils.

Who do I need to talk to if I am worried? Our Designated

Safeguarding leads (DSLs) are as follows:

- Miss V Nussey - Head Teacher
- Mrs D Thomas - Deputy Head Teacher
- Miss K Green - Pastoral Manager
- Miss G Spiers - Pastoral Manager
- Mrs A Ali Govern - SENCO
- Mrs C Ewbank - KS1 Phase Leader
- Mr P Merriman - Family Support Worker

USEFUL NUMBERS

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Samaritans: 116 123

Women's Aid: 0808 800 0028

CASS: 0121 303 1888

Emergency Services: 999

APP Awareness – UNICO LIVE

West Midlands Police has been made aware of an App called "UNICO LIVE". The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc.; it has come to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated.

The content does not appear to be monitored and we urge you to raise awareness widely to increase vigilance and reduce the likelihood of any child being sexually exploited.

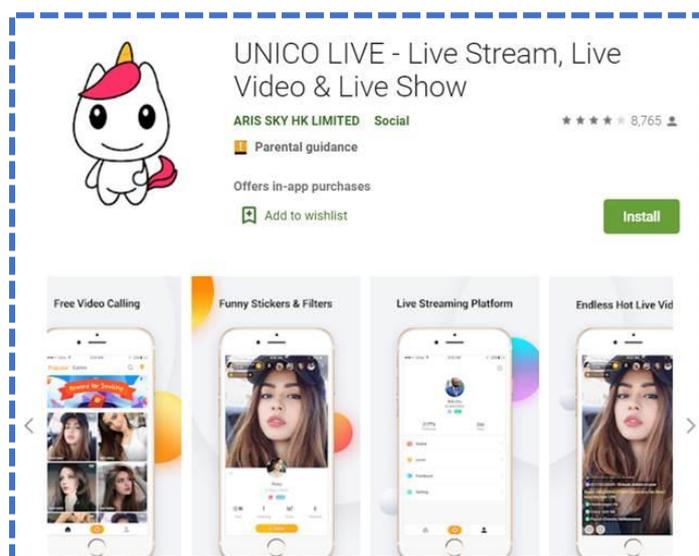
Useful Websites to help Keep Your Child Safe Online

www.internetmatters.org

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.ceop.police.uk



Worried About Bullying: Advice for your children:

- It doesn't matter what colour hair they have; what trainers you are wearing; how they speak; how they walk; how they talk – it is not their fault if they get bullied. We are all different in some way and that's what makes us amazing.
- Whether they are a boy or a girl, old or young, big or small – bullying makes them feel rubbish and it's okay to be upset about it. The important thing is that they tell someone about it.
- Encourage your child to talk to you, a teacher they trust or a family member.
- Write down what happened, when it happened, and who was involved. If the bullying is online, keep the evidence – save or copy any photos, videos, texts, e-mails or posts.
- It can be tempting if they are being bullied for them to take revenge – for example to send a horrible message back to someone; to try and embarrass and hurt the other person, or to fight back. This is not a good idea – they might end up getting in trouble or get themselves even more hurt.
- Think about other ways they can respond to bullying. For example, practice saying 'I don't like it when you say that/do that – Stop.' Think about other people who can help you if you are being bullied – this could be other classmates, or a teacher.
- Only spend time with people who make you feel good about yourself.
- Remember to respect other people! Just because someone is different to them and their friends – that doesn't mean they are better than them or have a right to make them feel bad. If they mess up, say sorry.
- More advice on www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk



Games – Do You Know What you are Buying for Christmas?

Age ratings are systems used to ensure that entertainment content, such as games, but also films, tv shows or mobile apps, is clearly labelled with a minimum age recommendation based on the content they have. **These age ratings provide guidance to consumers, parents in particular, to help them decide whether or not to buy a particular product for a child.**

The PEGI age labels



PEGI 3 The content of games with a PEGI 3 rating is considered suitable for all age groups. The game should not contain any sounds or pictures that are likely to frighten young children. A very mild form of violence (in a comical context or a childlike setting) is acceptable. No bad language should be heard.



PEGI 7 Game content with scenes or sounds that can possibly be frightening to younger children should fall in this category. Very mild forms of violence (implied, non-detailed, or non-realistic violence) are acceptable for a game with a PEGI 7 rating.



PEGI 12 Video games that show violence of a slightly more graphic nature towards fantasy characters or non-realistic violence towards human-like characters would fall in this age category. Sexual innuendo or sexual posturing can be present, while any bad language in this category must be mild. Gambling as it is normally carried out in real life in casinos or gambling halls can also be present (e.g. card games that in real life would be played for money).



PEGI 16 This rating is applied once the depiction of violence (or sexual activity) reaches a stage that looks the same as would be expected in real life. The use of bad language in games with a PEGI 16 rating can be more extreme, while games of chance, and the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs can also be present.



PEGI 18 The adult classification is applied when the level of violence reaches a stage where it becomes a depiction of gross violence, apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters. The glamorisation of the use of illegal drugs and explicit sexual activity should also fall into this age category.

The PEGI content descriptors



The game contains depictions of violence. In games rated PEGI 7 this can only be non-realistic or non-detailed violence. Games rated PEGI 12 can include violence in a fantasy environment or non-realistic violence towards human-like characters, whereas games rated PEGI 16 or 18 have increasingly more realistic-looking violence.



The game contains bad language. This descriptor can be found on games with a PEGI 12 (mild swearing), PEGI 16 (e.g. sexual expletives or blasphemy) or PEGI 18 rating (e.g. sexual expletives or blasphemy).



This descriptor may appear on games with a PEGI 7 if it contains pictures or sounds that may be frightening or scary to young children, or on PEGI 12 games with horrific sounds or horror effects (but without any violent content).



The game contains elements that encourage or teach gambling. These simulations of gambling refer to games of chance that are normally carried out in casinos or gambling halls. Games with this sort of content are PEGI 12, PEGI 16 or PEGI 18.



This content descriptor can accompany a PEGI 12 rating if the game includes sexual posturing or innuendo, a PEGI 16 rating if there is erotic nudity or sexual intercourse without visible genitals or a PEGI 18 rating if there is explicit sexual activity in the game. Depictions of nudity in a non-sexual content do not require a specific age rating, and this descriptor would not be necessary.



The game refers to or depicts the use of illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco. Games with this content descriptor are always PEGI 16 or PEGI 18.



The game contains depictions of ethnic, religious, nationalistic or other stereotypes likely to encourage hatred. This content is always restricted to a PEGI 18 rating (and likely to infringe national criminal laws).