



Caerphilly Safeguarding Children Board
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Dear Parent/Carer

Safe Use of Technology

We have been made aware by Gwent Police that some children and young people in the Borough have been contacted inappropriately on the internet. This matter is being investigated. This has happened at home rather than at school so we are writing to all parents and carers in the Borough with some advice.

Technology can be complicated and because of this, keeping children safe when they use it can be difficult. However, there are some simple rules you can follow that will help. For example,

- Make sure the computer is kept in a family space so you can be sure it is being used safely
- Don't share any personal information over the internet that could be used to identify you or your children and tell your children not to do so either
- Put secure privacy settings on social networking sites like Facebook

Remember that children and young people can access the Internet from their phones and other places outside the home so it is important that you tell them about the risks. We have enclosed a leaflet developed by Caerphilly Safeguarding Children Board that explains what kind of technology is available, what the potential risks to children and young people are and what you can do to keep your children safe. You can find more advice and links to useful websites that have lots of information about this issue on the Safeguarding Children Board website www.caerphillysafeguarding.org.uk.

Should you have any immediate concerns about inappropriate contact with a child/children over the internet talk to the Headteacher or contact Detective Inspector (Child Protection) Mark Johnson on 01495 745394.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Caerphilly Safeguarding Children Board

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Defnydd Diogel Technoleg

Rydym wedi cael gwybod gan Heddlu Gwent bod rhai plant a phobl ifanc yn y Fwrdeistref wedi derbyn cyswllt amhriodol ar y rhyngwyd. Mae'r mater hwn yn cael ei archwilio. Mae hyn wedi digwydd yn y cartref yn hytrach nag yn yr ysgol felly rydym yn ysgrifennu at yr holl rieni a gofalyddion yn y Fwrdeistref gyda chynghor.

Gall technoleg fod yn gymhleth ac oherwydd hyn, gall cadw plant yn ddiogel wrth iddynt ei defnyddio fod yn anodd. Fodd bynnag, mae yna rai rheolau syml y gallwch eu dilyn a fydd yn helpu. Er enghraifft,

- Gwnewch yn sicr bod y cyfrifiadur yn cael ei gadw mewn lle teulu, fel y gallwch fod yn sicr ei fod yn cael ei ddefnyddio yn ddiogel
- Peidiwch â rhannu unrhyw wybodaeth bersonol dros y rhyngwyd y gellid eu defnyddio i adnabod chi neu'ch plant a dweud wrth eich plant i beidio â gwneud hynny hefyd
- Gosodwch lefelau preifatrwydd diogel ar safleoedd rhwydweithio cymdeithasol megis Facebook

Cofiwch y gall plant a phobl ifanc cael mynediad i'r Rhyngwyd ar eu ffonau a lleoedd eraill y tu allan i'r cartref, felly mae'n bwysig eich bod yn dweud wrthynt am y peryglon. Rydym wedi amgáu taflen Caerffili a ddatblygwyd gan y Bwrdd Diogelu Plant sy'n esbonio pa fath o dechnoleg sydd ar gael, beth yw'r risgiau posibl i blant a phobl ifanc a beth y gallwch ei wneud i gadw'ch plant yn ddiogel. Gallwch gael mwy o gyngor a dolenni i wefannau defnyddiol sydd â llawer o wybodaeth am y mater hwn ar wefan y Bwrdd Diogelu Plant sef www.caerphillysafeguarding.org.uk

Os bydd gennych unrhyw bryderon uniongyrchol ynghylch cyswllt amhriodol gyda phlentyn / plant dros y rhyngwyd, siaradwch â'r Pennaeth neu cysylltwch â Ditectif Arolygydd (Amddiffyn Plant) Mark Johnson ar 01495 745394.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir

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