



## “Believing is Achieving”

15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Reminder letter**

### **Re: National Online Safety Website & Shepwell Safer Schools App**

#### **National Online Safety**

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children and it is important that we all work together to take an active role in teaching our children about online dangers and how to act safely when using the internet.

We are therefore delighted to announce Shepwell School is commitment to protecting our pupils by taking a proactive approach across the whole school community to internet safety and are working towards achieving National Online Safety Certified accreditation.

We are pleased to be working with National Online Safety to offer a **free** interactive online workshop for all our parents & carers.

The course can be taken at your own convenience.

#### **About The Course**

Annual Online Safety Course for Parents & Carers (2019-20)

#### **Introduction**

Online safety in schools is of paramount importance. As the online world evolves, so do both the online risks facing our children and the relevant legislation, both statutory and non-statutory, which directs and guides how schools should meet their online safety requirements.

#### **The role of Parents and Carers**

The first line of defence in keeping children safe online are parents and carers. Online risks do not start and stop at the school gates and encouraging and supporting parents to become involved in their child's online safety at home will ensure they are receiving the most complete protection they possibly can.

#### **What you will learn**

Delivered wholly through video, you will learn about a wide range of online dangers across three main areas:

#### **Unsafe communications**

Online relationships; fake profiles; online bullying; online grooming; child sexual exploitation; sexual violence & harassment; sexting and live streaming.

#### **Effects to mental health, wellbeing and lifestyle**

Online vs offline identity; social media & mental health; device addiction; online challenges;



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overspending; online gambling and radicalisation.

### **Managing online information**

Online reputation; age-inappropriate content; fraud (online); fake news; targeted advertising; personal data and the dark web.

You will learn about each online danger, what the risks are around each danger, potential signs and what parents, carers and trusted adults can do to help ensure their children stay safe online.

Please find below the link (ULR) 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:

<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/the-shepwell-school>

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the “Online Safety for Parents and Carers’ course and National Online Safety’s Resources (which includes 50+ online platform guides on the latest social media channels and games). This aims to help empower parents with the knowledge to protect their children from the dangers of the internet.

If you have any questions, or trouble accessing the course please contact [support@nationalonlinesafety.com](mailto:support@nationalonlinesafety.com)

### **Shepwell Safer Schools App**

As a parent you'll know how important the internet is to children - they use it to learn, play, socialise and express themselves. It's a highly creative place of amazing opportunities. But the technology children use every day can seem a bit daunting and you might worry about the risks your child can face online - such as bullying, contact from strangers or the possibility of them seeing illegal or inappropriate content. So as a school we are delighted to invite you to download a new App; 'Safer Schools' provided by Zurich Municipal in partnership with Safer Schools & Shepwell School.

The Safer Schools App is designed for parents/carers, school staff, governors and pupils. It helps support and protect children by educating and empowering them both at school and at home. The app provides information and guidance on a range of topics to help keep children in your care safer online. Advice covers topics such as bullying, gaming, inappropriate images, social media and much more. You will also receive school-generated notifications and updates from the h2b Safer team on keeping children and young people safe. The app will also link directly to the school calendar and news page so you will receive regular updates direct to the app. Please do make sure you have push notifications enabled to stay up-to-date.

### **Download for Free**

Step 1: Download the app for free by searching for ‘Safer Schools’ in the Apple App Store or on Google play. (You can download it on more than one device!)

Step 2: Enter Shepwell School and Home & Hospital Tuition Service in the box.



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Step 3: Enter the entry code 7675 in the box.

For more information visit [www.zurichsaferschools.co.uk](http://www.zurichsaferschools.co.uk)

On this website you will find links to download the app, how to register and how to reset your password.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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