"Technology is not the problem. It's how we use it!"

IMPORTANT! – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

After a number of productive meetings with the Police we are holding an online safety event on the 4th November at The Oundle School 9.30- 2.30. This is an amazing opportunity to showcase your schools work around online safety and work with others in the county to develop a vision for our online safety work. Please put the date in your diary and if you can attend can you please email e-safety@northamptonshire.gov.uk to confirm you attendance.

Why do young people sext?

Because they are curious about sex and curious about relationships. So to get to the route of sexting we need to do lots of work with young people around healthy relationships.

Remember: The production and distribution of sexting images involving anyone under the age of 18 is illegal and needs very careful management for all those involved

What?! Porn is not real?

Recently a year 10 lad was shocked when I told him the vast majority of porn was not real, played out by actors and it can take hours to film scenes. **Recent research from the NSPCC highlights more than a third of 13-14 year olds who have seen online porn want to copy some of the behaviour they have seen.**

Training - don't forget

Online safety Awareness sessions for DSLs or online safety leads 3rd and 14th November at Police Headquarters. To book a place follow the link below: http://www.lgss.co.uk/Services/trainingganddevelopment/Pages/trainingcourses.aspx?tu=11&term=Aston

Where are you at?

Have you seen the NCC online safety audit? It is an essential tool that schools should use to see what areas need to be improved or areas that you are doing well in. This also links in very well with Ofsted guidance around online safety. If you would like a copy drop me an email at e-safety@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Reinforce!

88% of images that go onto or through social media including Snapchat will end up on other websites without us realising. **Also the average time it takes to groom a young person online is 20 mins.**

Sexting

In August UKCCIS brought out a fantastic document on how schools should be responding to sexting. The document highlights the term "sexting" is to woolly and goes onto define what sexting actually is. We need to move away from the term sexting and use 'youth produced sexual imagery'. The document can be downloaded from: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/551575/6.2439_KG_NCA_Sexting_in_Schools_WEB__1_.PDF.