E-SAFETY

North Tyneside Learning Trust

Connecting our community of schools

This leaflet's intention is to promote awareness and educate our parents and carers, educators and children in all areas esafety and digital footprint. The contents of this leaflet should provide the most relevant and up-to-date information out

North Tyneside Learning Trust recognises the importance of e-safety awareness within all schools and the need to prepare the next generation for an ever changing future within technology. It is important to form partnerships between parents and our trust schools in order to teach our pupils how to navigate the online world safely and confidently regardless of the device, platform or app they are using.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

SHOCKING STATISTICS

<u>Children's online behaviour in England and Wales -</u> <u>Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)</u>

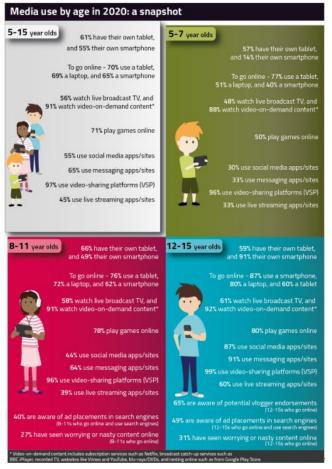
-Nearly half of young people (47%) have received intimidating, threatening or nasty messages online -Children and young people are using social media for longer periods, and using multiple profiles -Underage (U13) use of social media is common place

-There is a connection between intensive social media use and mental ill health.

-Of children currently experiencing a mental health problem, over 2/3 (68%) say they experienced cyberbullying in the last year.

-A 2016 report from the Cyberbullying Research Centre indicates that 33.8% of students between 12 and 17 were victims of cyberbullying in their lifetime. Conversely, 11.5% of students between 12 and 17 indicated that they had engaged in cyberbullying in their lifetime.

If this applies to you contact your e-safety officer



Source: <u>Children and parents: media use and attitudes</u> <u>report 2020/21 (ofcom.org.uk)</u>

LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

It is important to note a general principle: an action that is illegal if committed offline is also illegal if it is committed through an interactive online service.

It is an offence if any person sends a message which is grossly offensive, indecent, obscene or menacing by means of a public electronic communications network, or if a person causes any such message or matter to be sent.

A person is guilty of an offence if, for the purpose of causing annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to another, he sends by means of a public electronic communications network a message he knows to be false, causes such a message to be sent, or persistently makes use of a public electronic communications network.

The offences carry a penalty of a maximum of six months' imprisonment and/or a level five fine.

Section 32 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 makes the offence an either-way offence and increases the maximum penalty to two years' imprisonment and/or a level 4 fine. This will allow more time for investigation, and make a more serious penalty available in appropriate cases. This came into force on 13 April 2015.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH	STAYING INFORMED	PROTECTION FROM THE INTERNET
• Children's mental health - Every Mind Matters - NHS	NSPCC UK Safer Internet Centre	Google YouTube Kids
 YoungMinds Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People YoungMinds MindEd For Families Screen time and children's mental health: what does the evidence say? Mental Health Founda- tion https://enough.org/stats_cyberbullying Parents & carers Childnet 	PEG	TIKTOK
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