

School Improvement Liverpool & Liverpool Safeguarding Children Board Online Safety Update



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Welcome to the **tenth issue** of the regular joint Online Safety Update brought to you by School Improvement Liverpool and Liverpool Safeguarding Children Board. This half-termly update is for leaders and practitioners working with children and young people in schools and other settings across Liverpool. The aim is to bring you relevant information to assist you in educating children and young people about how to keep themselves safe when using the internet and social media and for you to give them an increased awareness of digital risks.

Safer Internet Day 2017 is nearly upon us, too. This is taking place on **Tuesday 7th February 2017** – with the theme, **'Be the change: Unite for a better internet'** –

More details can be found here - <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017> ; here you can also find Education Packs for 5-7s, 7-11s, 11-14s, 14-18s and for parents and carers, too.

Facebook have recently launched a **Parents Portal** which you may wish to promote -

<https://www.facebook.com/safety/parents>

The portal is designed to help parents make the most out of their Facebook account, whilst also giving tips and information on how to keep themselves and their children safe online.

Kayleigh's Love Story

Leicestershire Police have just released a hard-hitting video suitable for KS4 pupils (and I would suggest it could also be shown to the parents of younger children), highlighting the dangers of online grooming.

<https://leics.police.uk/categories/kayleighs-love-story-film>

Kayleigh Hayward was a 15-year-old girl, tragically murdered in November 2015 by someone she met online.

Kayleigh's Love Story is as a warning to young people, both girls and boys, about the dangers of speaking to people they don't know online. The film highlights just how quick and easy it can be for children to be groomed online without them or those around them knowing it is happening. Its purpose is to protect children now and in the future and to stop another family losing a child in this way.

Growing Up Digital

Well worth a read is this short report (24 pages), published 05/01/17, by the Children's Commissioner for England. The report talks about giving children and young adults resilience, information and power to assist them in opening up the internet as a place where they can be citizens not just users, creative but not addicted and open, yet not vulnerable, to having their personal information captured and monetised by companies.