

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

**Online Safety Newsletter – Autumn 2 2023**

**Christmas Presents**

Many children will be receiving gifts this year for Christmas that will bring potential online safety risks. Whether receiving a phone, tablet, games console or game, we would always recommend thoroughly researching the present beforehand so that you have a clear understanding of the associated risks and steps that can be put into place to manage them. Whatever the gift is, there will undoubtedly be a guide somewhere online which will include such guidance as the settings that you are able to put in place. A range of guides can be found on our school's Online Safety page at:

<https://www.connaughtjuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=37>

**GTA 6 Trailer**

Last week, a trailer for the game Grand Theft Auto 6 (GTA VI) was released, racking up 93 million views on YouTube in 24 hours. The GTA games are well-known for their extremely mature 18+ content and this trailer - featuring gun violence, criminal activity and sexualised behaviours - is no different. While the game won't be released until 2025, the hype around the trailer will likely cause some children to become interested in the game and potentially become interested in the existing instalment of the game, Grand Theft Auto 5 (GTA V). Due to the content of these games, they are absolutely not suitable for primary age children and I would suggest being aware of any conversations or interest that they may have around the games. For more information on GTA, please read the following National Online Safety guide.

[https://www.connaughtjuniorschool.co.uk/\\_site/data/files/documents/2021-2022/E9EAA6350453D6C346B0A0CC073EBA51.pdf](https://www.connaughtjuniorschool.co.uk/_site/data/files/documents/2021-2022/E9EAA6350453D6C346B0A0CC073EBA51.pdf)

**Online Safety resources for SEND children**

The NSPCC website contains a wealth of information and guidance for parents looking to support their children with their online lives. You may not know that they also have resources specifically designed to help parents of children with SEND. If your family has a member with SEND, please take a look at these resources to see if you find them useful.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>

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