

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER 2024

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter from The Levett School Safeguarding Team.

The aim, as always, is to bring you all the latest, relevant help and advice on issues we feel are of importance. In this issue, we focus on the latest NCA alert that has been reported recently in the news and social media. A reminder of dangers of 'edibles'.

Should you require any help or advice during the holiday, our DSL will be contactable between 9am & 2pm on the number listed below.

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Although Bonfire Night may have passed, Fireworks are commonly used to celebrate New Years Eve – please see below important tips about how to stay safe!

- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Keep a safe distance when lighting fireworks—stand back and stay clear.
- Light fireworks in open, clear areas, away from buildings and trees.
- Never let kids handle fireworks; only adults should light them.
- Have water or a hose ready to put out any fires or duds.
- Wait for fireworks to fully cool before disposing of them.
- Never re-light a firework that didn't go off—wait for an adult to check it.

Youtube Shorts

YouTube Shorts is a feature in the YouTube app that lets users create videos up to 60 seconds long, covering any content.

YouTube Shorts poses safeguarding risks due to relaxed privacy settings:

- Public videos: Any uploaded video can be used by strangers in Shorts, leading to potential unwanted interactions.
- Fame-seeking behavior: Young people may seek attention through risky tactics like sharing personal info or posting revealing content.
- Addictiveness: Shorts is designed to encourage excessive screen time.
- Inappropriate content: Short video length and high volume make moderation harder, increasing the risk of harmful content.
- Uncontrolled feed: Users can't control the videos they see, so children may be exposed to inappropriate content.

Be Bright, Be Seen!



As the dark nights roll on, see below some important safety tips about being visible near roads.

- Wear Bright, Reflective Clothing: Stand out by wearing visible gear, especially at night.
- Use Lights and Reflectors: Equip your bike or vehicle with proper lights and reflectors.
- Stick to Well-Lit Areas: Walk or cycle in well-lit spaces for better visibility.
- Wear High-Visibility Gear: Use reflective accessories like vests or bands.
- Stay Predictable and Alert: Be aware of your surroundings and make clear, predictable movements.

TikTok

TikTok Now is a newly released feature on the video-hosting social media platform TikTok. It was originally launched in the U.S. in September 2022 but has now been added as an update to apps in the U.K. and will soon roll out to other regions.

Top Tips for parents:

- Use safety settings: Check if TikTok Now allows under 18s to interact with strangers. Ensure posts are shared only with friends. Teach how to block, delete, and report others. Visit the Safety Centre for more info.
- Discuss safe sharing: Ask about their posting habits and remind them to keep personal details, private. Encourage safe sharing online.
- Check before posting: Remind them to review photos and videos before uploading to avoid sharing private info, even with time limits like TikTok Now and BeReal.

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