

St. Gregory's Catholic High School

Safeguarding

# NEWSLETTER

## Christmas 2018



## What is a digital footprint?

A **digital footprint** is a trail of data you create while using the Internet. It includes the websites you visit, emails you send, and information you submit to online services. A "passive **digital footprint**" is a data trail you unintentionally leave online.

## Is it permanent?

**Your digital footprint is permanent.** It is currently easier and cheaper to store data than it is to delete it. This means that **for every one of your** online actions—positive or negative, deliberate or unintentional—there **is a permanent record**

## Some facts!

- More than 20,000 photos are shared EVERY SECOND on Snapchat.
- On average 3 billion snaps are sent EVERY SECOND EVERY DAY
- More than 400 million Snapchat stories are created EVERY DAY
- Snapchat has 10 billion video views EVERY DAY

Snapchat is just one of at least

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social media apps that are available to download.

## PARENTS!

Remember that if you pay for your child's phone bill then it is legally your phone and YOU are responsible for everything on it.

Do you know what is on your child's phone?

Do you know what they are posting?

## Christmas and New Year Helpline Numbers

**Kooth.com** – Online counselling for young people

**Zumos** - access via school website

**LGBT Foundation Helpline** – 0345 3 30 30 30

**Drinkline** – 0300 123 1110 (www.drinkaware.co.uk)

**HOPELineUK** – 0800 068 41 41 (suicide prevention)

**Frank** (national drugs helpline) - 0300 123 66 00 (www.talktofrank.com)

**Samaritans** – 116 123

**Childline** - 0800 1111

**Get connected** - (confidential helpline for young people) 0808 808 4994

**Mind** – (for better mental health) 0300 123 3393, or, text 86463

**Multi -Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** – 01925 446227

**Women - National Domestic Violence Helpline:** 0803 2000 247

**Men - Men's Advice Line** for men experiencing domestic violence: 0808

## Safeguarding in Warrington

**IF YOU WISH TO REPORT A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON PLEASE ring 01925 443400 (out of hours 01925 444400)**

## Cycle Safety in Winter

There are many things that set St. Gregory's apart from all other schools in the area and one of them is the number of pupils who cycle to and from school. In fact we have recently purchased an extra set of racks providing spaces for a further 150 bikes.

However, we do occasionally receive calls from the public who are concerned about the road safety awareness of some of our pupils. PLEASE make sure that you can be seen by cars on the road AT ALL TIMES AND THAT YOU WEAR A HELMET.



## St. Gregory's Personal Electronic Devices Policy.

Please be aware that Governors have recently ratified a new personal electronic devices policy. It can be accessed via the school website under the "policies" tab.

## Are you aware as a parent of the dangers of online gaming?

violence.  
sexual content including: pornography embedded in games (i.e. Grand Theft Auto)  
predators  
cyberbullies  
privacy issues  
age-appropriate content  
webcams  
voice-masking technology enabling gamers to change their voice and sound younger than they are.



Please watch the true story of Breck Bednar: <https://youtu.be/FQwkOSLApjQ> to be fully aware of online gaming danger.

## Happy Christmas from the Safeguarding Team at St. Gregory's

"Our commitment to Safeguarding includes everything the State asks of us but our inspiration, our Foundation, is the belief in the 'sacred grandeur' of our children. That is why we are never content with mere compliance, but always strive for best practice."

We wish all those connected with our school community a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful new year.