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Welcome to our March Newsletter, which we hope continues to contain helpful information and advice for you to share with your family. We would like to reiterate once again that our newsletters are designed to inform Parents and Carers of **both** Primary and Secondary school children, and therefore trust your personal judgement on what you feel will be **relevant** information to share with your child.

Quiz Scams: Don't get hacked!!

If you or your family have ever been tempted to answer 'quiz' type questions on social media, please be mindful that this could be a scam for hackers to use the answers to build fake identities.

Social media questionnaires which may seem harmless, or fun could allow ID thieves to gather very personal information which they can then use to try and hack into your social media or other accounts.

Here are examples of the type of questions that hackers use to obtain personal information about you:

WHAT IS YOUR LORD OR LADY NAME?
Title: Lord or Lady
First name: Grandparent's name
Surname: First pet's name
Of: Street name

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST TEACHER'S NAME?

REMEMBER YOUR FIRST CONCERT?

How old were you and who did you see?

Honour a pet who is no longer with you, who you miss dearly

Tell us without telling us where you're from

YOU CAN ONLY EAT ONE FOOD FOR A WEEK - WHAT ARE YOU HAVING?

REMEMBER: Your personal information is valuable and needs protecting
CAUTION: Be wary of anyone asking you for your private information
THINK: Why am I being asked to give this information? Is it necessary?

If you or a member of your family have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber-crime, you can report this directly to **Action Fraud** by telephone or via their website. The Action Fraud website also provides fraud and cyber-crime prevention advice as well as details of the latest scams.

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Child car seats & belt safety: The Law

The UK law requires all children who are travelling in a vehicle (front or back seat passengers) to have the appropriate safety restraints. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure the safety of children travelling in their vehicle, and those who are caught by the police with unsuitable or inappropriate fitted car seats run the risk of receiving a **fine of £500 as a maximum penalty**.

Is Your Child
SAFE?

Therefore, it is essential that you understand the legal requirements and the correct way to install a child car seat. Children must be secured into a child seat when travelling by car until they are **12 years old or 135 centimetres tall**. There are few exemptions to this and the following link from the UK government will explain further [child-car-seats-the-rules](#)

Children aged 12 or older, or taller than 135 centimetres, may use an adult seat belt or an appropriate child restraint, although it is safer to use a booster seat to 150 centimetres tall. For more advice on seat belt laws please follow this link [seat-belts-law](#)

ROSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) have a dedicated webpage which provides a host of useful advice and tips on choosing and fitting the right car seat [childcarseats.org.uk/](#) and **THINK** is a resourceful website covering all aspects of road safety [www.think.gov.uk/](#)

The world of gaming: Parental Support

The gaming world can appear daunting for parents to consider given the extensive number of choices and platforms available for children to engage with. However, help and support is out there, and Young Gamers and Gamblers Education trust (YGAM) have an immense amount of resources available to help parents navigate the world of gaming.



YGAM parent's hub offer support and advice by:

- Providing parents with the information to better understand why children game and what those PEGI ratings mean.
- De-mystifying the world of gaming with guides to the games your children play and the language they use whilst playing.
- Supporting parents, looking at how to spot the signs of harm, how to set safety controls and how to speak to your child and keep them safe.

The full range of support can be found within the Parent's hub following this link: [parents.ygam.org/](#)

In addition to the above resources, YGAM offer a one-hour Gaming and Gambling awareness session for Parents/Carers. More information on these **free on-line events** can be found in these links

<https://parents.ygam.org/workshops/#parents-workshops> – Workshops for Parents

<https://parents.ygam.org/workshops/#children-workshops> –Workshops for Children in Care

The Highway Code has changed: Are you aware of the new rules?

Residents of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are being urged to be aware of the new changes to the Highway Code which came into to effect on **29th January 2022**.

The Department of Transport states that the changes are set to improve safety levels for **all** road users and in particular pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

One of the main changes will be a new hierarchy of road users that puts those most at risk in the event of the collision at the top, and places additional responsibility on drivers of large goods and passenger vehicles, vans/minibuses, cars/taxis and motorcycles to reduce the danger they pose to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Specific examples include:

- You should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning
- You should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane, just as you would not turn across the path of another motor vehicle. This applies whether they are using a cycle lane, a cycle track, or riding ahead on the road and you should give way to them.
- Other main changes include establishing guidance on safe passing distances and speeds when overtaking cyclists or horse riders, and for cyclists to give way to pedestrians and horse riders on shared paths and bridleways.

For more detailed information please visit : [the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022)



Becoming a police officer

A great career, welcoming diversity

There's never been a better time to become a police officer. It's a great career where every day is different and you get to make a difference. From neighbourhoods, to dogs, road policing and major crime, there's exceptional variety and opportunities. We're also committed to recruiting a workforce that reflects the communities we serve, so we're particularly keen to hear from you if you're female or from an ethnic minority background.

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