

Ruislip Gardens Primary School



Safeguarding Newsletter July 2020

Welcome to the final Safeguarding Newsletter of this term which draws us to the end of an unusual academic year. We hope you are keeping well in the current climate. The school telephone lines continue to be unmanned however you can still contact us via email at safeguarding@ruislipgardensschool.co.uk which is only accessed by the Designated Safeguarding Leads. You can also contact MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on 01895 556644 or lbhmask@hillingdon.gov.uk. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 7th September 2020.

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Coronavirus (Covid-19)

As the lockdown continues, we implore you to keep abreast of the restrictions and strictly adhere to guidelines set by the Government. We continue to follow social distancing rules in school however if these are not followed outside of our setting, the health of the children and staff at Ruislip Gardens school may be compromised.

Screen Time

There is no doubt that many children's device usage will have increased over the lockdown period which may adversely affect their sleep patterns and communication skills. The National Online Safety Organisation have created a great guide for parents and children called 'How Not to be a Screen Zombie'. It contains lots of helpful tips on how to reduce the time children spend on their devices. Follow this link to find out more <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

As you will see, there are lots of other relevant guides available to parents and carers covering Snapchat, Houseparty etc.

Social Media

With so many young children now accessing social media, it is vital that parents and carers monitor the apps and games their child is accessing. All games have age ratings, for example:-

Fortnite—age 12

Minecraft—age 7+

Roblox—age 7

If you're unsure of an age rating, or would like to know if a game is suitable for your child, look at <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/> They provide reviews and age ratings suggested by parents which can help you decide if an app or game is suitable for your child.

We are seeing a rise in numbers of children using Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc which all have an age rating of 13. The apps also have a private chat facility too which increases the chances of inappropriate content.

