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# Safeguarding Newsletter

## Keeping Children Safe Because Every Child Matters

At Banks Road Primary School, safeguarding remains our highest priority. We are committed to working in partnership with families to help keep children safe both in school and online. This month, we are sharing information about two popular online platforms, Roblox and Telegram, as well as an update on staff safeguarding training.




### 🎮 Online Safety Spotlight: Roblox

Many of our children enjoy playing **Roblox**, an online gaming platform where users can create, share and play games with others. While Roblox can provide opportunities for creativity, problem-solving and collaboration, it is important that parents and carers are aware of some of the potential risks. Children may encounter inappropriate content, communicate with strangers, experience online bullying or be encouraged to make in-game purchases.

**How can parents help?**

✅ Use Roblox parental controls to restrict content and interactions.

✅ Regularly check who your child is communicating with online.

✅ Talk to your child about never sharing personal information such as their address, school or phone number.

✅ Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable or worried.

✅ Monitor and manage in-game spending.

The best online safety tool remains regular, open conversations between parents and children about their online experiences.

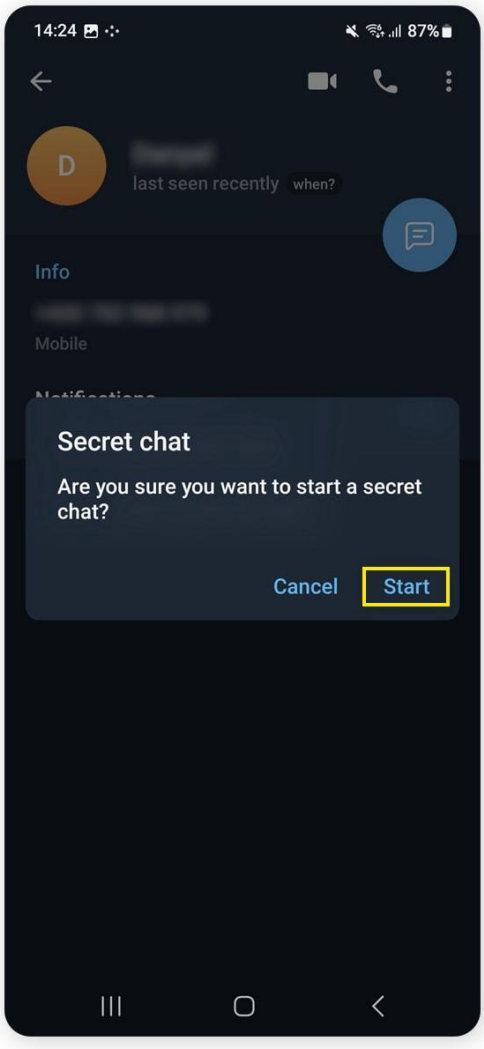
## 💬 What Parents Need to Know About Telegram

Telegram is a social media and messaging platform that allows users to send messages, make calls, share media and join groups with up to 200,000 members. It also offers features such as livestreaming and disappearing messages.

The platform uses end-to-end encryption and is available worldwide.

### What are the risks?

Parents and carers should be aware that Telegram may expose children and young people to:




⚠️ Harmful or illegal content, including extremist material and conspiracy theories.

⚠️ Contact from strangers through large group chats.

⚠️ Cyberbullying and inappropriate interactions.

⚠️ Disappearing messages, which can encourage users to share content they might not otherwise send.

⚠️ Content that is unsuitable for children and young people.

### Should children be using Telegram?

The minimum age for Telegram is **16 years old**, although younger users can still access and download the app. Telegram does not currently provide parental controls that allow parents to monitor who children are communicating with or what content they are viewing.

**What can parents do?**

✅ Check whether your child has Telegram installed on their device.

✅ Discuss the risks and safe online behaviour.

✅ Review privacy settings together.

✅ Remind children never to communicate with people they do not know.

✅ Encourage children to speak to a trusted adult if they see anything upsetting, inappropriate or concerning online.

🛡️ **Annual Prevent Training Completed**

We are pleased to share that all staff and governors at Banks Road Primary School have now completed their annual **Prevent Duty Training**.

**What is Prevent?**

Prevent is part of the UK's safeguarding framework. It aims to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from being drawn into extremism, radicalisation or terrorism. The Prevent Duty places a legal responsibility on schools and other public organisations to help identify concerns early and provide appropriate support.

🤝 **Why Schools Sometimes Need to Share Information**

At Banks Road Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. Occasionally, parents or carers may feel concerned or upset if the school has shared information with Children's Services or another professional. We understand that these situations can be difficult, but it is important that families understand our responsibilities.

Schools have a **legal safeguarding duty** to share information when we believe a child may need support, may be at risk of harm, or where there are concerns about their welfare. In these circumstances, we do not need parental consent to share information if doing so is necessary to help keep a child safe.

Sharing information does not automatically mean that a family has done anything wrong. In many cases, professionals work together to ensure that children and families receive the right help, support and guidance at the earliest opportunity.

Where a child has an allocated social worker, schools are also expected to work closely with them and share relevant information about the child's education, attendance, wellbeing, behaviour and any safeguarding concerns. This enables agencies to build an accurate picture of a child's experiences and ensure that appropriate support is provided.

**What We Want Families to Know**

✅ Our first priority is always the safety and wellbeing of children.

✅ Information is only shared when there is a safeguarding need or a professional duty to do so.

✅ We will be open and honest with families whenever it is safe and appropriate to be.

✅ Effective safeguarding relies on schools, families and other professionals working together.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and by sharing information appropriately, we can help ensure that children receive the support, protection and opportunities they need to thrive.

**Why is it important?**

Children and young people can be exposed to harmful influences both online and offline. Extremist groups often seek to exploit vulnerabilities, spread misinformation and encourage division. Schools have an important role in helping children develop critical thinking skills, resilience and an understanding of respectful debate and diversity.

Through this training, staff and governors learn how to:

- ✅ Recognise signs that a child may be vulnerable to radicalisation.
- ✅ Understand how extremist content can be shared online.
- ✅ Respond appropriately to safeguarding concerns.
- ✅ Promote tolerance, respect and inclusion.
- ✅ Support pupils to become safe, responsible and informed citizens.

Prevent is one aspect of our wider safeguarding work and helps ensure that Banks Road Primary School remains a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for all children.

💙 **Working Together to Keep Children Safe**

Safeguarding works best when schools and families work together. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a safe environment where every child can learn, grow and thrive.

**If you ever have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team.**

**Together, We Can Do It!** 💙 💛

