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SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

KEY KCSIE CHANGES FOR 2023-24

As we enter a new academic year, there are some key changes within Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) that we need to be aware of:

- From February 2023, the age of marriage increased to 18 (read more information later in the newsletter)
- When hiring out facilities, e.g. a sports hall, guidance for 'out-of-school' setting must be followed
- The term 'missing from education' has changed to '**absent from education**' - often student location is known
- Regarding the Prevent Duty, the term 'vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism' has changed to '**susceptible to being drawn into terrorism**'
- Job candidates now need to be informed that online searches will be carried out on shortlisted candidates

WELCOME BACK!



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NITROUS OXIDE

ALSO KNOWN AS - BALLOONS/CHARGERS/HIPPIE CRACK/LAUGHING GAS/NOS/NOZ/WHIPPITS

Inhaling nitrous oxide directly from the canister is incredibly dangerous, as is doing so in an enclosed space. If you take too much nitrous oxide, you risk falling unconscious and/or suffocating from the lack of oxygen. **People have died this way.** As of 2016, nitrous oxide is covered by the Psychoactive Substances Act and is illegal to supply for its psychoactive effect.



If you are worried about someone you know using nitrous oxide, or think a member of the WQE community has it in their possession on campus, please contact the Safeguarding Team. For more information about nitrous oxide and its risks, please click [here](#) or scan the QR code on the left.



ALL ABOUT yubo

Yubo is a livestreaming platform designed to help users meet new friends from all around the world. It describes itself as a "platform that celebrates the true essence of being young" and a space that lets "you just be you." Users can connect with others based on interests, location, or gender. It currently has 60 million users – and counting!

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Platform guidelines state users must be over 13 years old to use the app, and everyone under the age of 17 must confirm they have permission from a parent or carer.

YOTI SIGHTING

Yubo was one of the first platforms to start using Yoti Age Scan technology, which estimates the age of a user through photos, videos, and identification provided.

Yubo has TWO communities for users to join:

13-17

Both communities let users access the same features and restrict two users from communicating until they become friends. It encourages users to 'multiply' their friends to '100,000,000' by using tags, participating in lives, and commenting on videos – even if they feel uncomfortable.

or

18+

Launched in 2015, Yubo is the first major social media platform to require 100% user age verification.

100%

Design elements and features have been created to promote the Fear of Missing Out in users.

Did you know?

FOMO Alert!

Beware of In-App Purchases: Yubucks

This in-platform currency allows users to buy 'Fast Adds' (send up to 500 random Friend Requests), 'Powers' (boost profile popularity), 'Pixels' (exchangeable art), and 'Elite Packs' (offers 4 exclusive features - including the option to message other users before they are friends)

FEATURES



Livestreams

- Up to 10 contributors can participate with unlimited viewers on their stream.
- Comments from viewers create a conversation for contributors to follow.
- Streamers and viewers are able to see profiles and add others as friends.



Friend Finders

- 'Profile sharing' allows friends to introduce each other to other users.
- 'Swipes' lets users swipe through potential friends with tagged interests.
- 'Powers' like Spotlights, Boosts, and Turbos increase profile visibility.



Game on!

- Engage in matches that build rapport and connection with potential friends.
- Livestream games like 'To be Honest' let contributors play alongside viewers.
- Contributors can play with friends or strangers to increase their friend count.



Personalisation Station

- Use tags to highlight interests and attract friends with similar hobbies.
- Buy and display 'Pixels', character portraits that reflect a user's style.
- Show off talents, interests, or random things in lives to curate an image.

Top Tips

Talk about online friendships. Remind the young people in your care that they should only ever share personal details with trusted offline friends.

Turn on privacy settings. Use options like 'Hide my city' and 'Muted words', and 'Swipe settings', as well as blocking and reporting options to stay safe.

Discuss what not to share. This will empower them to say 'no' when they feel uncomfortable, and to know what they should report as inappropriate.

Remind them who they can talk to. Check that your young person knows who their trusted adults are (offline!) to know they can speak to someone.

Red Flag! Red Flag!



SEXUAL EXTORTION – There have been multiple reports of young people being harassed to send sexualised images and videos to other users.



INAPPROPRIATE OR ILLEGAL CONTENT – Despite best efforts, there is still the potential for younger users to be exposed to age-inappropriate content.



INFORMATION SHARING – The platform revolves around users sharing personal interests, location, gender, and more with people they don't know offline.



PERSUASIVE DESIGN – This app is designed to keep young people hooked with push notifications, swiping methods, and engagement incentives.



NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS – While it is not possible to have a private account, there are privacy control options that should be encouraged for young users.

MISOGYNY AND INCEL SUBCULTURE

Misogyny is a term which may be used to describe sexism, bias, bigotry, discrimination or intolerance, but where the dislike, contempt and prejudice against women is ingrained. Misogyny may manifest physically and verbally in many forms of behaviours directed at women, such as voicing contempt and hatred, verbal and physical abuse and sexual harassment.

The term '**incels**' is an abbreviated blend of the term 'involuntary celibates.' Incels define themselves by their inability to have sexual or romantic relationships, despite desiring them. However, this incel community has become dominated by heterosexual men who have a bleak and misogynistic worldview. This subculture emerged from what is known as the '**manosphere**' - online forums where misogynistic views are prevalent.

They believe that the most attractive men, known as '**Chads**', attract the most attractive women, known as '**Stacys**', leaving less attractive women for men residing in the middle of the hierarchy, known as '**normies**' and none for those at the bottom of the hierarchy - the incels.

At the most extreme end of this spectrum are those that subscribe to the '**black pill**' ideology. Incels who metaphorically take the 'black pill' accept their nihilistic fate of inferiority, making them feel less desirable and with no chance of establishing sexual relationships. Being '**blackpilled**' becomes the ultimate expression of indoctrination to **inceldom**, culminating in one choice: to kill themselves and/or others.

With links to violent extremism, incels are classified within HM Government's anti-radicalisation strategy (Prevent), as having a 'mixed, unstable or unclear' ideology.

Most recent data reveals that such ideologies account for more than half of all referrals to Prevent programmes. Counter terrorism police figures reveal that more under-18s were arrested for terrorism offences in the 12 months to March 2022 than in any other year.

More than 50 cases of incel-related violence have been documented since 2014. Cases include the murder of five people in Plymouth by Jake Davison in 2021, who expressed misogynistic views on online incel forums.

Boys as young as 12 are being drawn into misogynistic ideology as the '**incelosphere**' moves beyond dedicated forums to other online spaces such as Instagram, TikTok, Discord and Twitch.



CLICK [HERE](#) TO WATCH BBC DOCUMENTARY 'INSIDE THE SECRET WORLD OF INCELS' OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO THE RIGHT



FORCED MARRIAGE - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What is the difference between an **ARRANGED MARRIAGE** and a **FORCED MARRIAGE**?

An **arranged marriage** is when the families of both partners arrange the marriage. This is legal so long as it is consensual between both people and they are both at least 18 years of age.

A **forced marriage** is when families plan a marriage, and the people getting married do not agree to it and are forced to get married. Even when just one of the two people getting married do not agree to the marriage, it is a forced marriage. It is also a forced marriage when anyone arranges for someone to get married before they are 18, even without forcing them.

Forced marriage can involve threats and abuse from family. Some people who do not fully understand what marriage is can be tricked or persuaded into getting married. This is also a forced marriage.

It is a criminal offence to do anything which causes a child to marry before they are 18, even if the child is not forced to marry. This is also the case even if it is not a legal marriage/ceremony.

Most victims of forced marriage are women and girls, often aged 16 to 25 years old. Some are women with disabilities.

Forced marriage is a serious abuse of human rights.

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UPDATED PREVENT DUTY GUIDANCE - SEPTEMBER 2023

The aim of Prevent is to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The objectives of Prevent are to:

- tackle the ideological causes of terrorism
- intervene early to support people susceptible to radicalisation
- enable people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate

This is statutory guidance for England and Wales, issued on 7 September 2023.

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