

Parent Panel Meeting 26/01/2017

Attendees: J Ninnis-Jeal, J Rhodes, C Wright, K Caldecott, A Shipley, C McCarroll, M Massey, L Canham.

Topic – Prevent, Internet Safety

Schools are subject to a duty under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This duty is known as the Prevent Duty.

Mrs McCarroll and Mrs Caldecott informed the group that the school has had discussions in P4C lessons about how we could prevent extremist behaviour and be tolerant of each other's religious and cultural differences.

This week the school has had their 'Harmony' week, the children have had visitors from the Quaker, Jewish and Bahai religions, who gave talks, showed artefacts about their religions.

The group asked what happens when a child is acting out of character and what to look for when a child is being radicalised. Mrs McCarroll and Mrs Caldecott both confirmed that changes in behaviour or anything out of character would be acted upon, this could be for many different reasons. The normal procedure would be to report it to the Safeguard Lead person in school (Mrs Carr) then have a friendly chat and carry out 'wishes and feelings' chat with the child.

Internet Safety

The group asked what the school has set up to prevent children from accessing inappropriate content on the school computers. There are firewalls but these are not 100% resistant to inappropriate content as some people put unacceptable and inappropriate information on line under innocent search cues.

It was confirmed that the school's internet was locked by the County but that inappropriate sites can also be shut down by the school also.

On the 7th Feb is our schools Internet Safety day for all the children, split between KS1 and KS2 each group of children will receive age appropriate assembly.

The group were all in agreement to give the children tools to use technology and how to deal with different situations they might find, i.e. inappropriate web sites, online bullying etc.

The school confirmed Internet safety discussions are also held in P4C sessions.

It was suggested that parents might benefit from a forum of Internet Safety to be held after school and if possible after school care for the children whilst their parents attend.

It was suggested by the group that it would help if the school could inform parents, informally via text or newsletter about any latest internet crazes which could be harmful to children (five nights at freddys was mentioned). It was noted that if parents hear about these crazes then it would be useful for them to inform school so that school can share this information with all parents who may not be aware.

The group thought it might be helpful to have a link on the school website to a blog about parental checks for the home internet.

Mrs McCarroll asked the group what we thought about being able to access homework via the school website. The group thought this would be a good idea however it must be made accessible to all families as not all have internet access, so it perhaps would not be appropriate.

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