

# Online Safety News



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## Department for Education guidance: Harmful online challenges and online hoaxes

The Department for Education (DfE) in partnership with the UK Council for Internet Safety Education and the Samaritans, has published new guidance for schools and colleges to support their approach to harmful online challenges and online hoaxes. A hoax is a deliberate lie designed to seem truthful and online challenges generally involve users recording themselves taking a challenge, and then distributing the video through social media channels, inspiring or daring others to repeat the challenge.

The guidance covers:

- What you can do to prepare for the next harmful online challenge and online hoax.
- What you should do when a harmful online challenge and online hoax might be circulating between children and young people.
- Should you share information and issue a warning to children, young people, parents, carers and staff?

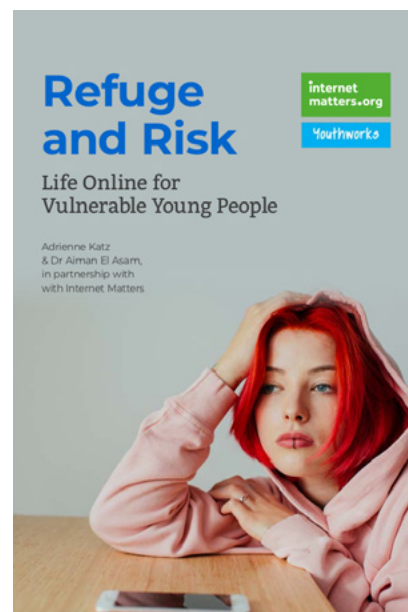
[GOV.UK | Harmful online challenges and online hoaxes](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/harmful-online-challenges-and-online-hoaxes)



## Refuge and Risk: Life Online for Vulnerable Young People

The 'Refuge and Risk' report by Internet Matters and Youthworks provides insight into 6,500+ UK children with some form of offline vulnerability and examines how the online world has become their lifeline but also puts them at a heightened risk. Some are up to seven times more likely to meet particular dangers over the internet than their non-vulnerable peers.

The report details the types of risk they encounter (Conduct, Compulsion, Content, Contact; Cyberaggression and Cyberscams.) and how they can be supported to lead safer online lives.



[Internet Matters | Refuge and Risk: Life Online for Vulnerable Young People](#)

## Be Internet Legends, RSE pack

The 'Be Internet Legends' RSE pack is a FREE teaching resource produced by Google and Parent Zone and is designed to teach 7-11 year olds the skills and behaviours they need to be safer and more confident online. Schools can download their pack from:

[Parent Zone | RSE](#)

The programme also has lots of material to support online safety specifically with SEND pupils. These materials can be used in class, with small groups or one to one sessions.

[Parent Zone | The Legendary SEND pack](#)



## Thinkuknow retiring resources

Thinkuknow have recently reviewed and retired some of their old online safety resources including:

Lee and Kim, Hector's World, Jigsaw, Consequences, Tom's Story and Sam's Real Friends

These titles have been updated with resources available for different age groups.

For the full list of current Thinkuknow educational resources:

**Thinkuknow  
education  
programme  
resources: 2021**



## Dates for your diary

### Mental Health Awareness week

16th - 22nd May 2021

Explore these resources from Childnet:

- **Digital resilience resources for 11 – 14 year olds**  
A lesson plan to help young people aged 11-14 manage their lives online and to help others.
- **Digital wellbeing resources for parents and carers of children aged 3 - 18.**

## The Herts for Learning 2021 Wellbeing Conference

### Flourishing Lives:

Transforming the impact of wellbeing teaching

Tuesday 15th June 2021,  
9:00am - 3:30pm



Transform the impact of wellbeing teaching to provide pupils with resilience, strategies and skills to flourish in life.

This cross-phase conference will identify effective and impactful strategies and approaches to the teaching and learning of RSHE and wider wellbeing. Keynotes and school case studies will illuminate how schools can transform pupil learning to effect successful futures.

The conference will include presentations and workshops with:

- Dr Pookie Knightsmith, the internationally renowned face of child and adolescent mental health
- Zohab Zee Khan, Poetry Slam Champion, life coach and educator

- Dr Saz Ahmed, neuroscientist, doctor in Psychology, Developmental Group, Institute Cognitive Neuroscience (University College of London)
- Rachel Macfarlane, Director of Education Services, Herts for Learning
- Karin Hutchinson, Lead Wellbeing Adviser, Herts for Learning
- Kate Stockdale, Wellbeing Adviser, Herts for Learning
- Representatives from Goff's Academy, Cheshunt, Hammond Academy, Hemel Hempstead and Windhill21, Bishop's Stortford

Find out more and book online at  
[cpd.hertsforlearning.co.uk](http://cpd.hertsforlearning.co.uk)  
Course code: **WEL/20/276/A**

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For more information, advice and training about online safety across the curriculum and embedding this within a wider whole school approach to include mental health, positive relationships and safeguarding, please contact the Herts for Learning Wellbeing team at

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The information in the newsletter is provided to help promote the safety of children and young people online.

Every care has been taken to ensure the information and any recommendations in the newsletter are accurate at the time of publishing. Schools must make their own judgements on our recommendations and, where appropriate, always risk assess with their pupils and whole school community in mind. This newsletter is brought to you by the Herts for Learning Wellbeing team as part of their online safety support for schools and settings in Hertfordshire.

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