## HWA Safeguarding Newsletter Term 2





#### E-SCOOTERS AND THE LAW

It is against the law to ride a privately-owned electric scooter (e-scooter) on a public road or pavement.

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.

#### **Current law**

You can buy an e-scooter, but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place those e-scooters can be used is on private land with the landowner's permission.

# What happens if I'm stopped by the police?

The police will advise you of the current law on using an e-scooter legally and have the powers to seize it. Alongside this you could face a fine and/or points on your driving licence as anyone riding an e-scooter, must adhere to the normal traffic laws when on the road. Once seized the e-scooter is destroyed.

#### **Further information**

Further details can be found on the following government website: Powered transporters -GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)







Cygnet
Autism
Support
Courses
for 2025



- √ Free for parents or carers in South Gloucestershire
- √ whose children are aged 5-18
- and have a formal autism diagnosis.
- Develop your understanding of autism.
- Look at practical solutions to support your child.
- Meet other parents in a similar position.
- In a supportive atmosphere.
- Visit <u>turtlecyp.co.uk</u> <u>home/cygnet/</u>

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Funded by South Gloucestershire Council 7 week courses in person or via Zoom.

- Bradley Stoke: Fri 10 Jan @10am https://eegu.org/experience/11816
- Online: Thurs 16 Jan @ 7pm https://eequ.org/experience/10064

Available to book now on EEQU - see above links.



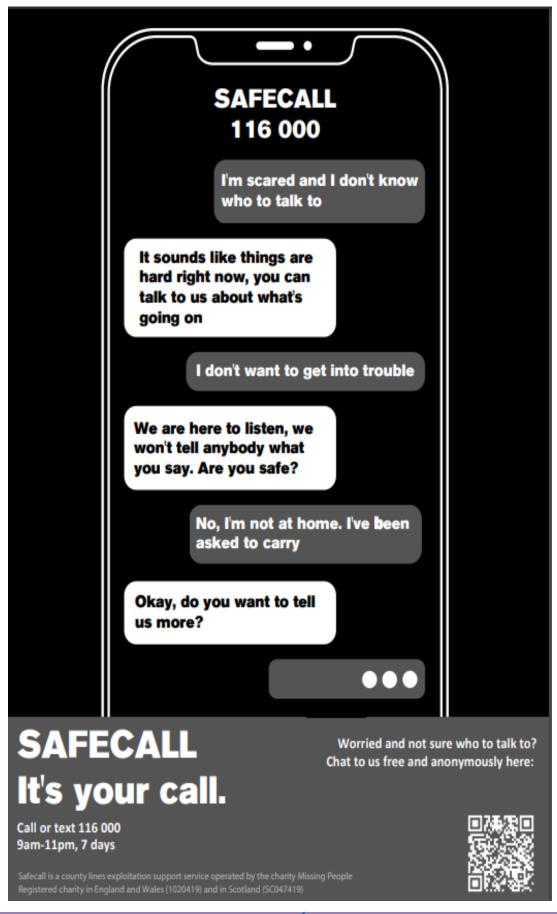
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Turtle CYP is a registered charity, number 1104549.























#### Dear Steve,

This week, we launched the ninth phase of our deterrence campaign to stop online child sexual abuse.

The purpose of the launch is to raise awareness of the law around online grooming, communicate the serious consequences of engaging in this behaviour and to signpost anyone concerned about online grooming to our <a href="Stop It Now helpline">Stop It Now helpline</a> for confidential advice and support.

Read our blog all about the campaign here.

#### Why is the campaign needed?

Recent data suggests that while 28% of UK adults regularly speak to strangers online, as many as 55% say they don't know the age of who they're speaking to. These numbers come as our Stop It Now! helpline reports that there has been a 64% increase in contacts about online grooming in two years. With the NSPCC reporting an 82% rise in online grooming offences in the last 5 years – it is clear that online grooming is a major and growing issue.

#### Spotlight: watch our brand-new online film

In support of the campaign, we have launched our new online film, <u>Spotlight</u>, which aims to shine a light on the issue of online grooming and provide clear information about the law and the consequences associated with this behaviour.

Watch Spotlight.





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### **NSPCC**



Dear Colleague,

Here at the NSPCC, we are always looking for new ways to keep children safe. That's why we've launched our new campaign, <u>Listen up</u>. Speak up.

<u>Listen up. Speak up</u> is aimed at parents, carers and your wider school community and we are asking you to help raise awareness amongst them, as the more people that know, the more children we can keep safe.

#### Learn more about our campaign

Listen up, Speak up encourages adults to take advantage of a free, 10-minute digital training from the NSPCC. It will help them learn some of the signs a child might be at risk and build their confidence in what to do next. After the training, a series of 10 weekly emails offers more tips on listening to and supporting children and families.



This 10-minute training is aimed at the general public. It's a light-touch way to raise awareness of signs a child might be at risk. It is not the safeguarding training required for people who work with children, including teachers and school staff.

Visit NSPCC Learning if you would like to see our training offer for schools.

Will you help raise awareness?







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Find the 'Speak Up!' tile on the student navigator.

