Dear Paul

I hope you are well and having a good week.

I have a few updates for you this week. Apologies I haven't shared many free educational resources of late, they seem to be very few and far between at the moment but rest assured I'm keeping my eyes open. Incidentally if you come across anything you feel is worthwhile sharing just let me know, there are over 4,500 schools on this mailing list and I'm sure many would be grateful.

Updates

- Policy use of AI in school.
- Staff impersonation advice and support.
- Research into online misogyny.
- Supporting girls impacted by online misogyny.
- Resource addressing child on child abuse.

Policy Template - Use of Al in School

As the use of AI increases worldwide it stands to reason that it will, at some point (if not already) be used in school for a variety of purposes. As with almost anything in school we are, at some point, going to need a policy.

Mark Anderson and Laura Knight, two amazing educators, have collaborated and put together a free policy template for schools which you can adapt to your own school needs.

The policy template can be downloaded HERE.

Staff - Impersonation Advice and Support

It will come as no surprise to many that students creating impersonation accounts (pretending to be a member of staff) is on the increase. Some I have heard of when visiting schools (both primary and secondary) are truly awful and I can only imagine the emotional impact and turmoil.

SWGfL have put together a support and advice page together on their website which briefly covers responding and making a report (including links for the popular social media apps). You can find the support page HERE.

Research into Online Misogyny

This is a really good, detailed report from Internet Matters about online misogyny where 2,000 parents of 4-16 year olds and 1,000 children aged 9-16 were surveyed. Some key points are:

- A significant number of boys have a favourable view of Andrew Tate (23% of boys ages 15-16).
- An even higher proportion of dads (32%) have a positive view of Andrew Tate!
- Understanding the term misogyny is low.
- The majority of parents think nude image sharing is a significant concern; the majority of teenagers think that sharing nudes is always harmful (which questions the narrative that nude image sharing has become normalised).

You can download the full report HERE.

Supporting Girls Impacted by Misogyny Online

Internet Matters have put together a great article to help parents support anyone who has been impacted by online misogyny including a Dad's experince of supporting his daughter, the experiences of one 15 year old girl and some simple tips for parents.

You can find the article HERE.

Resource - Addressing Child on Child Abuse

The resources and advice produced by Farrer and Co. are always superb, and this new resource to help schools understand and respond to child on child abuse is no exception. It's quite a large resource but covers many areas such as:

- Safeguarding polices, procedures and practice.
- Prevention.
- Identifying and assessing.
- Handling incidents.
- And more.

You can download the resource HERE.

Online Safety Training (staff, parents and students)

As well as in-school training (staff, students, parents) and virtual (Zoom/Teams) I also offer cost-effective pre-recorded video training as follows (each purchase includes a 12 month licence to use as many times as you wish within your setting):

STAFF INSET

There is a primary version plus a secondary/college version, the most recent videos were updated and rerecorded at the end of August 2023 to make sure they're right up to date. They take staff through the risk basics (content, contact, conduct and commerce), the spaces that children occupy online (games, YouTube and social media) plus the latest risks and issues with supporting advice and guidance. The video can be streamed or downloaded to the school network.

If you would like to see a sampler video you can access the 4-minute introduction HERE.

Cost: £95.00 plus VAT (cost per school, not per person) for a 12 month licence. For Multi-Academy Trusts or if purchasing for a number of schools, discounts are available. Just email me and let me know how many schools you would like to purchase for.

PARENTS

The days of parents online safety evenings were often a struggle to get parents to attend, so I have created a series of 7 short videos for parents. On purchase, I will send you a MS Word document. This document contains the text, supporting links and video links for 7 emails (or other school communication) which you just need to copy, paste and send out to parents at a frequency of your choice (e.g. one a week). You are also welcome to add your own text.

Cost: £149.00 plus VAT (cost per school, not per person) for a 12 month licence. For Multi-Academy Trusts or if purchasing for a number of schools, discounts are available. Just email me and let me know how many schools you would like to purchase for.

GOVERNORS/TRUSTEES

This video, recorded in Aug 2023, is similar to the staff video but from a governance context. Lasting for just over an hour it covers what online safety means, the risk categories, the online lives of children/young people, followed by a few simple questions that governors can consider with advice and guidance.

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SECONDARY STUDENTS

This is a series of 10 videos, each of which are short (between 8 and 12 minutes) covering a range of different topics. These are ideal for showing in assembly to promote further classroom discussion/debate or within the classroom to go deeper into the topic. You will be able to download these videos for future use, or even use for virtual learning by sharing the link with students. The cost is £179 (plus VAT) for all the videos, not each. Full details and a sample video can be found HERE.

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