

PSHE UPDATES

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Child Sexual Abuse

The Internet Watch Foundation has published a news story that 92% of webpages the IWF worked to remove in 2023 contained 'self-generated' material extorted from children.

Child-on-Child abuse accounts for over half of offences. Senior offences have stated that young people taking nude pictures are contributing to this rise, and also the abuse also includes "exploratory behaviour" that children and young people may not realise is illegal.

For more information: [click here](#)



Video Gaming

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a report looking at children's views on video gaming.

The survey found that two-thirds of 8-17 years old viewed video games as beneficial to children's health and wellbeing.

YGAM run sessions for parents and carers.

For more information: [click here](#)



Measles Increase

There has been a reported increase in measles across the country.

Health services are reminding people of the importance to check that they have had two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Measles spreads very quickly, so anyone with symptoms that could be measles is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the surgery or A & E.

For more information: [click here](#)



Vaping

The Government has announced that disposable vapes will be banned in the UK to tackle the rise in youth vaping and protect children's health.

Recent figures show the number of children using vapes has tripled, with 9% of 11 to 15 year olds now using vapes.

The long-term health impacts of vaping are unknown and the nicotine contained within them can be highly addictive, with withdrawal sometimes causing anxiety, trouble concentrating and headaches.

For more information: [click here](#)