

Tuesday 14th June 2022

Dear families,

Safeguarding notice to families

It has come to our attention that some children have seen or accessed a horror game character called 'Huggy Wuggy' online. Having reviewed the material, this is not age appropriate and could cause children to become frightened. We would advise you monitor your child's internet usage and talk to them about what they are accessing. This character appears to be slipping through some internet safety filters due to the friendly name of the character.

Please find some further information in the links below to support you in managing this specific issue and other similar issues such as this with your children. I would advise looking at the first link away from your children as it has images and explanations of the character to support parental understanding and management of the issue.

https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/

https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/

At Trinity Road we encourage child to take the following steps if they access something they do not like.

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If the child in your care comes across something scary or disturbing online, they should:



STOP

what they are doing and turn off their screen/switch off device



PAUSE

to take a breath and try to stay calm



THINK

about something else that makes them happy



TALK

to an adult they trust about what they saw and how it made them feel

We will continue to monitor this in school. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you wish to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

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