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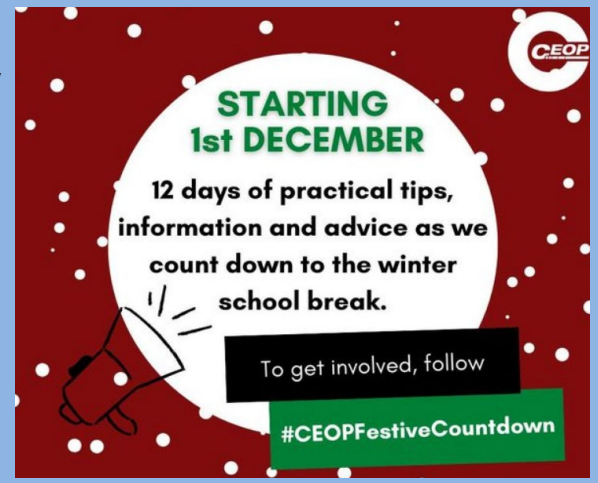
Welcome to our December newsletter! Christmas is just around the corner! Please enjoy reading our newsletter which highlights key messages and advice for you and your family to remain safe during this exciting month of festive cheer! Parents and Carers are reminded that this newsletter is for **both** Primary and Secondary school children, and therefore trust your judgement to share what you feel is relevant information for your family.

Get ready for CEOP's Festive Countdown!

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) work with safeguarding and child protection partners across the UK and overseas. It protects children from harm, online and offline with a focus on child sexual exploitation and online protection issues.

CEOP's **12 day festive countdown** begins on Thursday 1st December 2022, providing 12 days of practical tips, information and advice to help parents and carers with keeping their children safer online over the school holidays.

Get involved and follow [#CEOPFestiveCountdown](https://twitter.com/CEOPFestiveCountdown)



Support 'Dear Santa 2022'

Embrace is a children's charity who support child victims of crime. Embrace are running their Dear Santa 2022 campaign this Christmas.

Want to make a difference? Buy an extra gift when you shop on line and help turn Christmas wishes into reality for some of the most vulnerable children in communities near you.

For more information please visit [Dear Santa 2022 - Embrace - CVOC \(embracecvoc.org.uk\)](https://www.embracecvoc.org.uk)



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Teaching Your Child the Dangers of Internet Shopping

Many of us are spending more time than ever shopping online. Please click on the below link to give you an online shopping guide to help you and your family avoid scam websites, and purchase items safely <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/shopping-online-securely>

Shopping online is incredibly convenient, but to be safe, children and young people have to understand the dangers that can pop up at their next click.

Basic Tips

- Shop with your child/s. Walk them through the process, it shows them that shopping online can be fun & safe with the right precautions in place. You could explore the process of searching for and finding items, reviewing an online cart, confirming order information and saving purchase confirmation pages or emails.
- Show your child/s how to log out of any retailer website that requires an account for purchase.
- Teach your child/s seven words: **“What is this?”** and **“What do I do?”** Encourage your child/s to ask a trusted adult if they see anything that isn't familiar.
- Get your child/s in the habit of double checking items and shipping totals before clicking! Mistakes can easily be made. Be aware of automatic purchases.

Scams

A common scam against children and young people who shop online is to require additional purchases or subscriptions to complete a purchase. This is particularly common for sites that offer music downloads. To avoid scams, teach your child/s to comparison shop and check reviews of the products they want to buy. When in doubt ask a trusted adult.



Personal Information and Identity Theft

Whenever your child/s buy something online, they may need to provide address and other personal information, such as payment method so the retailer knows who and where to ship the product. This information should be given out cautiously as it can lead to identity fraud. Use only secure Internet connections even on sites you trust, and use antivirus software that can catch files that steal information or track your child's browsing history and key entries. Teach your child/s not to link buyer accounts to social networking sites that hold personal information such as Facebook.

Overspending

Problems such as identity theft and scams top the list of problems for children and young people buying online, but another big risk is for your child to overspend.

To prevent this problem, help and assist. Introduce techniques like letting your child use a prepaid card or Paypal account for their purchases, which will cap how much your child/s can spend within a given period.

Don't ask Santa for an e-scooter!

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

However, the current law is clear

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

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements.

All details can be found on the following Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

What happens if I've been stopped by Police?

The Police will advise you of the current law about how to use an e-scooter legally and ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

We understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone.

The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zone' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads.

Check out the gov.uk website or enquire with your local authority for a trial closest to you.

Christmas message



Cambridgeshire Constabulary wish you all a very safe & happy Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2023

Merry Christmas!!

Parking outside schools!

We are sure most of you are all aware of the **continuing** issues regarding parking outside schools during drop off and pick up times.

Unsafe, inconsiderate and dangerous parking is an offence and an increasing problem throughout our county, causing chaos for local residents and ultimately putting the safety of our children and others at risk.

Please **stop and think** before parking. Consider - Am I being respectful? Am I parking illegally? Is my parking dangerous? We can all do our bit to reduce the issues of parking during school pick up & collection times. For the safety of your child, their friends and the local community we kindly request that you all park safely, legally and considerately.

Remember and consider:

- DO NOT park on single or double yellow lines
- DO NOT double park
- DO NOT stop or park on the zig zag lines or pedestrian crossing
- DO NOT park on pavements, corners or junctions
- DO NOT obstruct footpaths or cycleway's
- Consider car sharing
- Walk or cycle to school where appropriate
- And finally...DO NOT block the driveways of local residents.



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