



Department for Children and Young People

For the attention of Head Teachers, ICT Subject Leaders, Secondary ICT Strategic Managers and PSE co-ordinators

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Dear Colleague

E-safety Update for Schools

Centrally Funded E-safety Awareness Workshops – Last Chances to Attend

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with another opportunity to send delegates to a workshop on e-safety. This is a repeat of the workshops that were originally held in March and May 08. Schools are asking for additional support in dealing with e-safety issues and providing these workshops is a key part of our support for schools.

In the light of the crucial importance of this issue in ensuring the safety of young people and in support of Every Child Matters we are offering a final opportunity to attend our **centrally funded** workshop on e-safety for schools. The workshop will aim to:

- Summarise the key issues surrounding e-safety
- Outline the suggested recommendations made by Becta and the local authority about e-safety
- Identify the strategies that schools can use to support and protect staff and pupils
- Highlight a suggested resource for teaching pupils about e-safety
- Provide a template for a pupil survey that can be used for auditing pupils' internet use
- Provide suggested materials for schools to use for meetings with staff and with parents
- Provide schools with some resources to support work on e-safety and an overview of additional resources available

We are offering **one free supply cover paid** place on an e-safety workshop to each school and recommend that you take advantage of this by sending at least one person to one of the workshops. The session would be appropriate for **head teachers, senior managers, PSHE Subject Leaders or ICT Subject Leaders**.

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The dates and times for these workshops are listed below:

E-safety Workshop 4	Severnside Training Centre	21 st October 2008 9.00 – 12.00
E-safety Workshop 5	Severnside Training Centre	5th November 2008 9.00 – 12.00

If you are interested in attending please return the slip below indicating which workshop you would like to attend and giving the name of delegates.

Resources to Support Schools with E-safety

Following our previous workshops on e-safety we have now published all of our support materials for schools on the web site. These can be accessed by visiting:

<http://www.learningwithsouthglos.org.uk/ICT/curriculum/LandM/HealthandSafety/index.htm>

The resources include information on the following:

- Auditing for e-safety and pupil surveys
- Safe search sites for children and other web links
- Information on policies and practice
- Information on working with parents including a parent's workshop template
- Roles and responsibilities in relation to e-safety
- Resources to support teaching about e-safety
- Suggested e-safety incident record

Regional South West Grid E-safety Conferences

You have previously received an invitation from Harry Langston to attend the South West Grid e-safety conferences. These build upon the success of last year's conferences, and the extensive work that SWGfL and its partners have achieved around the area of e-safety. They will deliver a comprehensive programme of seminars and keynote speeches, delivering crucial information on the latest developments in the e-safety arena. Feedback from South Gloucestershire delegates who attended last year indicated that they found the conference very useful.

Bookings are now being taken online and further information is available by visiting <http://www.swgfl.org.uk/esafetyconferences>. This gives details on the programme of events, workshop choices, venues and how to book. This year's conferences are being held on the following dates:

Tuesday, 25th November:	Riviera International Conference Centre, Torquay
Wednesday, 26th November:	Holiday Inn Filton, Bristol
Thursday, 27th November:	Bournemouth International Centre, Bournemouth.

These conferences are being booked up very quickly and if you are interested in attending, I would recommend that you book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

I hope you will take advantage of the support opportunities for e-safety and I look forward to working with you to improve the safety of pupils in South Gloucestershire.

Yours sincerely



Jo Briscoombe
ICT Strategy Adviser

E-safety Awareness Workshops

SCHOOL: _____

NAME: _____
(free place)

I would like to attend a Workshop on e-safety on:

Please tick the relevant box

E-safety Workshop 4	21 st October 2008 9.00 – 12.00	
E-safety Workshop 5	5th November 2008 9.00 – 12.00	

Signed (Headteacher): _____

PLEASE RETURN BY 10th October 2008 TO:-

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