

Online Safety Update

Traci Good supporting Derbyshire Schools



New and noteworthy

'DOKI DOKI Literature Club' has recently hit the headlines and my mailbox has been overflowing with requests for information about the safety of this game.

The game is a visual novel game that includes a storyline about one of the main characters committing suicide, which is depicted in a very graphic scene. It is not intended for children and does include several warnings at the start of the game.

I have spoken to the Professionals Online Safety Helpline seeking advice about this game. They state that across the UK they have heard of no actual

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DONT PANIC!

There is no evidence to show this game encourages suicide.

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ENGAGE

Talk to your students in general terms about staying safe online

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PARENTAL SUPPORT

Signpost parents to quality support and advice.



Professionals Online Safety Helpline

Support for anyone working with children and young people

NSPCC

NSPCC NET-AWARE

Your guide to the social networks that children and young people use



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cases where children were using it. The NSPCC have also stated the same. If children in your setting are discussing the game, it does not necessarily mean they are playing it directly. There are numerous videos on YouTube and gaming streaming sites where players are on the game, which may allow children to view the content.



We advise that schools should ensure their filtering systems block the game and provide support to any pupils who have concerns after seeing the content within the game. Be mindful of children in your care who may be struggling emotionally and ensure there is care in place for them.

We are keen not to attract attention to the game from children who don't already know about it, therefore we would urge that this information NOT be shared with parents directly or circulated broadly, but on a "need to know" basis.

What if parents ask?

As always we should encourage parents to engage with their child's online life and show an active interest in what they are doing online.

We can't blame a game for poor behaviour, it is a parent's responsibility to keep their children safe online and this includes limiting games and

certain websites. The NSPCC's [Net Aware](#) website and [Childnet](#) can provide support.

"educated children begin with educated adults"

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SAVE THE DATE!

Following the release of the updated 'Keeping children Safe in Education (2018) guidance, I will be running Online Safety training aimed at Headteachers, Designated Safeguarding Leads and their Deputies and Online Safety Leads. This morning session will look at current trends, statutory responsibilities, Ofsted outstanding practice and a look at the new Online Safety education framework that has been developed to help schools deliver consistent and relevant online safety education in the classroom. Please email good@esafetytraining.co.uk to book

The cost is just £99 per person and my training is approved by Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board. Places expected to fill quickly so please book early to avoid missing this essential session.

Where: Casa Hotel, Chesterfield

When: 8th & 10th October 2018 (9.30 until 12.30)