

PSHCEE and online safety at Avalon

I am going to talk to you about how online safety is incorporated within the PSHCEE curriculum at Avalon.

Background information

From September 2020, the Health Education and relationships Education aspects of PSHCEE (personal, social, health, citizenship, economic education) will be compulsory in all primary schools.

The guidance given by the Department for education in June 2019 states that every child is guaranteed a PSHE education that covers mental health and wellbeing, physical health, and learning about safe, healthy relationships, including negotiating life online.

At Avalon, we are well on the way to delivering this commitment and have been for quite a while now.

Relationships Education

Through Relationships Education, pupils are taught about online safety, including cyberbullying. This includes being taught what positive, healthy and respectful online relationships look like, the effects of their online actions on others and knowing how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online. Throughout Relationships education, teachers will address online safety and appropriate behaviour in an age appropriate way that is relevant to their pupils' lives.

Health Education

Within Health Education, children will be taught about the importance of age restrictions and why social media, some computer games and online gaming are age restricted. Children are also taught

about the risks of excessive internet time spent on electronic devices and the impact of positive and negative content online on their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing.

Citizenship education

Within the 'Citizenship' aspect of our PSHCEE curriculum, media literacy is covered – distinguishing fact from opinion, as well as exploring freedom of speech, democracy, rights and responsibilities.