



## SAFE AT SUMMERHILL

*At Summerhill School we are committed to Safeguarding our children and young people as well as promoting positive well-being for all.*

*This safeguarding newsletter, aims to help staff, parents and students alike to be aware of Safeguarding and mental-health issues, giving you useful links and resources to use if you have concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the main school number 01384 816165 or via email on [studentsupport@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:studentsupport@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk)*

### Energy Bills Scam

As we move into the colder months many people will be thinking about how to cut bills and save money but it is important to be aware of scams that are currently circulating. One of the current scams starts with a text message stating you are eligible for a discounted energy bill. There will be a link to a fake gov.uk website where you will be asked a series of questions to see if you are eligible then finally asking for bank details. All of the details that are asked for can be used to impersonate you. It is important to remember that the £400 UK government energy bill discount WILL be applied to everybody automatically. You do not need to register and you certainly will not be asked for card details.



### Parental Control Apps



With children being able to access mobile devices and apps at a much earlier age, many parents are investing in parental control apps to monitor what their child is seeing and doing. Whilst there are many benefits of doing this there are also some negatives. The article below discusses this and also explores what parental control apps are available:

[Parental Control Apps – Online Safety Review - Safer Schools \(\[oursaferschools.co.uk\]\(https://oursaferschools.co.uk\)\)](https://oursaferschools.co.uk/Parental-Control-Apps-Online-Safety-Review)

### Community Activities, After School Clubs and Tuition

As we start a new school year, parents may well be looking for after-school clubs, theatre groups or sports' clubs. The DfE has a document that helps parents identify the safeguarding issues to consider when choosing a provider.

[Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs and tuition: Questions to help parents and carers choose out-of-school settings - GOV.UK \(\[www.gov.uk\]\(https://www.gov.uk\)\)](https://www.gov.uk/keeping-children-safe-during-community-activities-after-school-clubs-and-tuition)



### Apple IOS Update

Apple have released their latest updates for their devices which have been live since 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The update included productivity apps, live events tracked (deliveries, food), sharing functions, parental controls and further improvements on safety and accessibility features. For more information please see the below link:

[Apple iOS 16 update: Online safety review - Safer Schools \(\[oursaferschools.co.uk\]\(https://oursaferschools.co.uk\)\)](https://oursaferschools.co.uk/Apple-iOS-16-update-Online-safety-review)



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