



# February 2023 – Safeguarding and Online Safety

## Miss Teal's Assembly Safer Internet Day

Miss Teal delivered assemblies linked to Safer Internet Day which takes place each February. The theme this year is 'Let's Connect' which focuses on having conversations around internet use. She shared these messages with the students so that they can both keep themselves safe online and ensure they post in a responsible way.

1. Once it is there, it is there forever so think before you post
2. Consider your following before you share your location and details of your possessions (particularly anything of high value)
3. There is a lot of harmful information (and people) on the internet so choose your sites and 'friends' wisely.

More information on Safer Internet Day can be found here

[Home - Safer Internet Day](#)

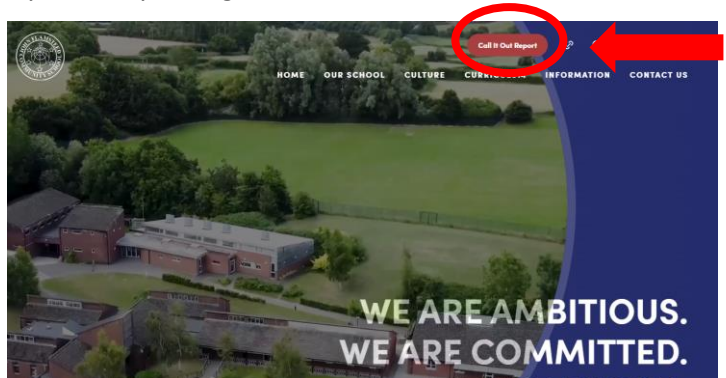
## The Big Ask – Call it Out

*Be an upstander not a bystander*

As part of the Big Ask, students told us they would like additional systems for reporting concerns in school. They would also like to be able to make anonymous reports.

There is now a dropbox in the Library where students can post notes in order to report concerns. This is emptied daily.

There is also a button on the school website where reports can be made (with an anonymous option). This mailbox is monitored Monday to Friday during term time.



Should you have a concern about a child when school is not in session, please consult the safeguarding section of the school website [Safeguarding - John Flamsted Community School \(jfcs.org.uk\)](#)

### Further support

NSPCC website has a wealth of information for parents and carers linked to online safety (including managing parental controls). You can also sign up to a newsletter which will send information and advice straight to your inbox.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Mobile network EE run a service called Phonesmart which may be of use to you and your child [Parent - Homepage \(eephonesmart.co.uk\)](#) (you do not need to be on EE to use this).

Additional information is available on Childnet (formerly Digizen)

[Help & advice | Childnet](#)

Online safety advice and checklists

[Teens 14+ online safety advice and expert tips | Internet Matters](#)

### Reminder – All social media platforms carry age restrictions as outlined below

WhatsApp – 16 years

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, Snapchat – 13 years