Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

Safeguarding Newsletter October 2020

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Welcome to our Parent Safeguarding Newsletter for this academic year. We will publish one each half-term with up to date news on safeguarding information to help you support your children.

All our safeguarding information is available on the school website at https://www.samworth.tgacademy.org.uk/safeguarding/

If you would like to contact a member of our safeguarding team please telephone the academy on 0116 2780232 or email safeguarding@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk

With so many students now having access to the internet and social media we wanted to make you aware the latest information and sites they may be visiting and how you can support.

https://onlyfans.com/

The fast-growing social media platform stands out from the crowd through its focus on money: users pay a subscription to follow content creators, who in turn take home a large cut of that fee. It has become increasingly popular over the past few months, but that growth hasn't been without controversy.

https://www.triller.co/

Triller is the latest video sharing app on the market, which encourages users to create music videos and share them with the world. The platform boasts some of the music industry's biggest stars as users and recently announced that it had amassed over 250 million downloads worldwide.

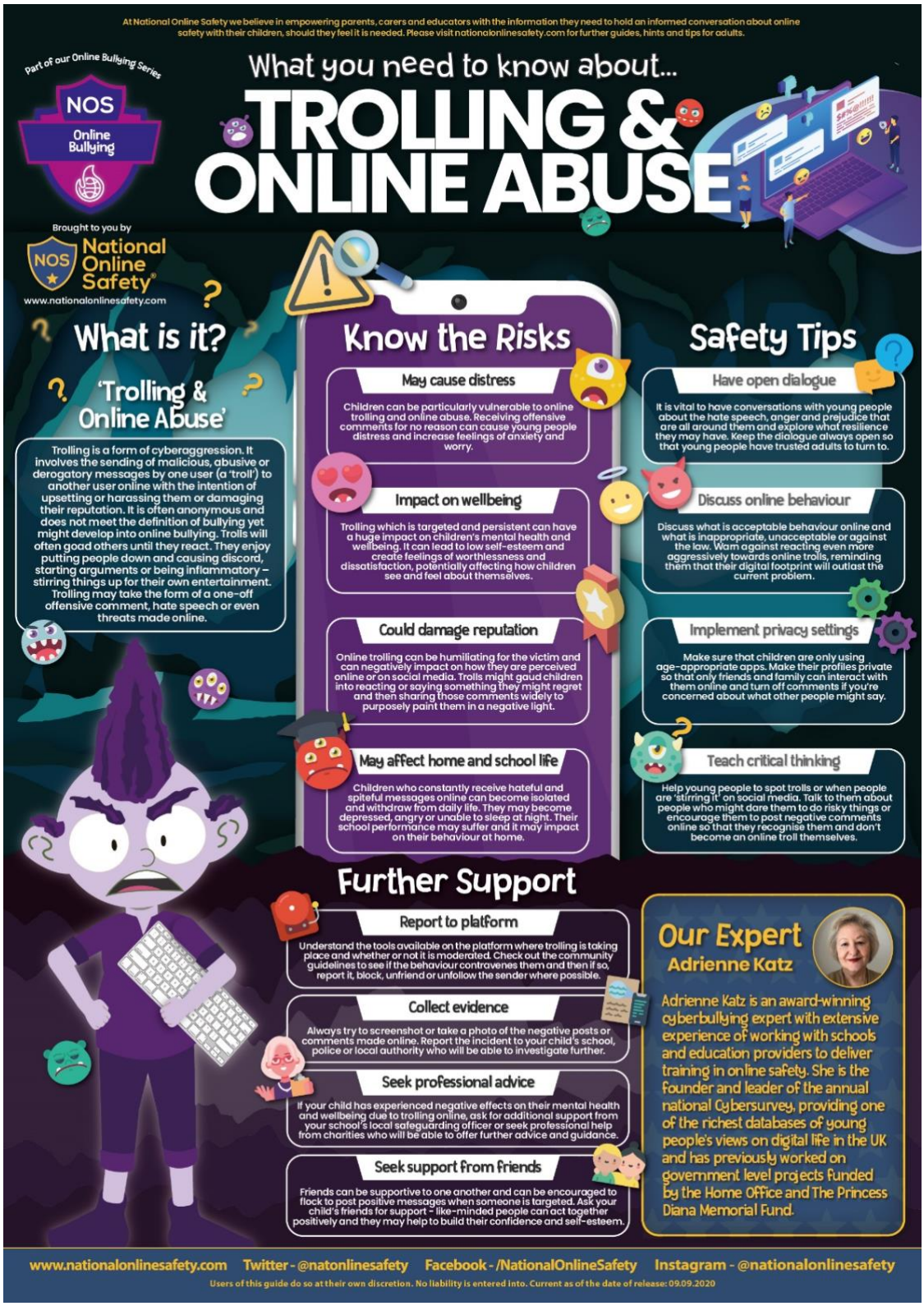
https://www.snapchat.com/l/en-gb/

Snapchat – links to criminal groups

Another area of concern that appears to be on the rise in local communities is the use of Snapchat for criminal groups to send messages out for multiple users to see. These messages try to lure individuals in to try substances such as vapes which contain THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol is a cannabinoid which is identified in cannabis. THC is the principal psychoactive constituent of cannabis). They are even advertised as 'free' if the individual tries to get other individuals to try some, with the intended outcome of them all wanting more at a price. The criminal groups then drop these off in local community areas if a postcode is sent to them.

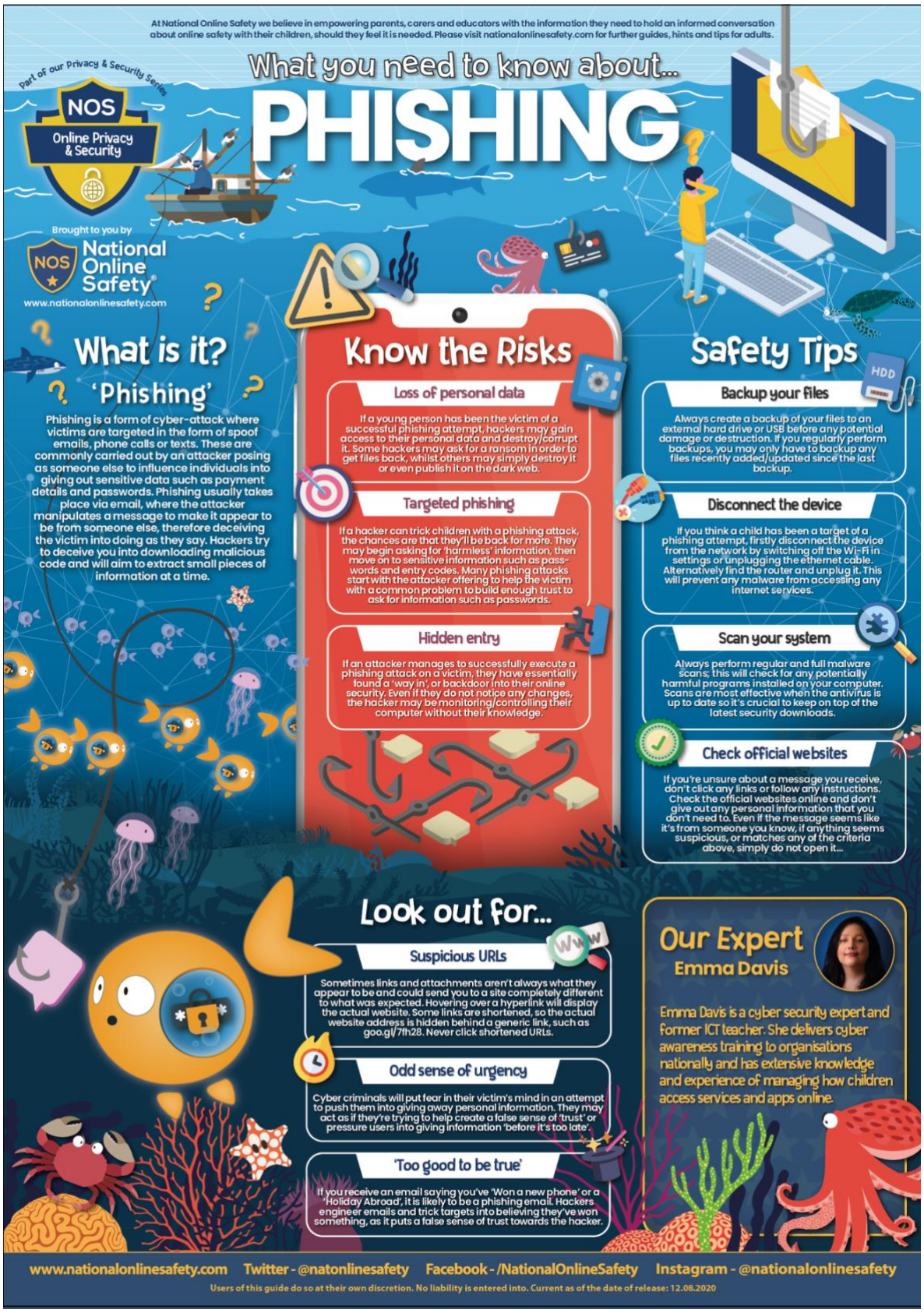
Trolling and online abuse

Trolling and online abuse are forms of cyber aggression that involve the sending of malicious, abusive or derogatory messages by one user (a 'troll') to another user online. Please see attached poster for more information and how you can support your children.



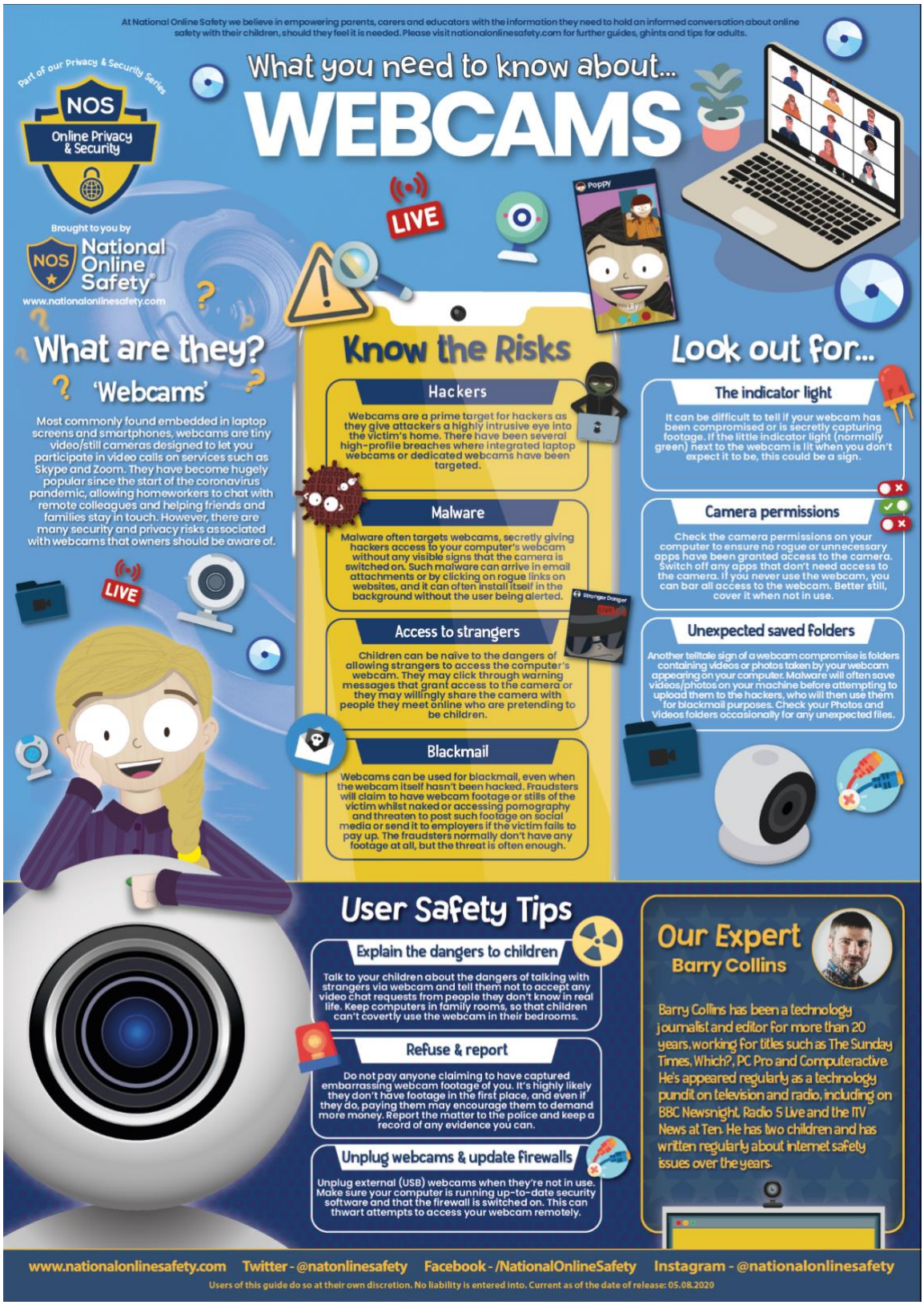
Phishing

Phishing is the method of scamming users for their personal information online. Please see attached poster for more information and how you can support your children.



Webcams

The use of webcams has become hugely popular since the start of the coronavirus pandemic. Widely used on popular apps such as Zoom, Skype or Microsoft Teams, they provide users with the ability to take part in video calls and actually see who they're speaking to. Whether used for remote learning, home working or just keeping in touch with family and friends, webcams have been crucial to helping all of us keep in touch. Please see attached poster for more information and how you can support your children.



Sexting

Sexting, or sending nudes, is illegal for anyone under the age of 18. Despite this, recent research suggests that young people continue to share nude images of themselves, with one in five teenagers admitting they were pressured or blackmailed into it. Separate research also indicates an increase in so-called 'sexts' typed out by children during lockdown. Please see attached poster for more information and how you can support your children.

Resources are available from the national online safety organisation and are excellent and we use them as an academy to support the work we do with the student in school.

National Online Safety

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/