



Hampshire
Safeguarding
Children
Partnership



They're back, they're bigger...and badder than ever!

The Safeguarding Children's Partnerships have authored a campaign called 'Lurking Trolls'. Five years ago this was designed to protect children from online bullying, grooming and exploitation. After winning a number of awards and being praised by Ofsted the campaign is rebooting and relaunching with a whole host of treacherous new trolls in an all new version "Peril of the Possessed Pets".

What is covered in the new campaign?

- Reducing anxiety
- Preventing bullying
- Reducing the risk of exploitation
- Recognising fake news
- Understanding radicalisation
- Self-image and identity

These issues are presented in an accessible and fun way to young people through a new storybook, website, and the introduction of the Lurking Trolls cartoon show.

Who's developed the new campaign?

As well as the LSCP Teams, the revised Lurking Trolls campaign has been advised by a steering group of professionals from schools, CAMHS, police, public health and the local authority education departments, children's services, Prevent team and library services. The digital design team in Portsmouth City Council have produced the book and built the website, and Rival Animations have developed five amazing two- minute animations to further develop the messages of the campaign.

How schools will be involved?

By the end of the Summer Term primary schools will receive enough copies of the book 'Peril of the Possessed Pets'. It is anticipated that these will be used in the Autumn term, alongside teaching resource packs to raise awareness with Key Stage 2 pupils around online safety.

Who is the campaign targeted at?

The campaign has been aimed to work with children aged 7-11 years old in Key Stage 2. It is hoped that by introducing these topics in a fun and accessible format, it will help build children's awareness and be a preventative measure to help build their resilience and knowledge of what to do should they encounter them.

What is on the website and can it be used at home as well as in school?

The website www.lurkingtrolls.com will have a host of fun and informative resources for children to access to give them more information about the Trolls, how to recognise this type of behaviour/issue online and advice on what to do in response. The Lurking Trolls cartoons will also be available via the website.

The website will also have an 'I need help' section for children, signposting them to organisations such as Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) and Child Line so they can report and find help for an issues they experience when they're online at home. It will also include information and advice for parents & carers on helping their children stay safe online at home.

Queries

If you have any queries or comments regarding this letter, please contact Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership.

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Yours sincerely

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