

Our school Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

# Mrs Petchey, Mrs Stolworthy, Mrs Eaglen, Miss Alderton, Ms Connor, Mrs Derer and Mrs Burman

Please speak to one of these members of staff if you are worried or concerned about the safety of a child.



If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, the number to ring is:

CADS - Children's Advice and Duty Service - 0344 800 8020

Mrs Derer our school Parent Support Advisor and

Mrs Burman and Miss Alderton our school Pastoral Leads and ELSA trained staff are on our school playground every morning from 8:45am. Mrs Derer our school Parent Support Advisor is on our playground every Monday, Thursday and Friday morning from 8:45am.

Mrs Burman, Miss Alderton and Mrs Derer are always happy to talk to you about any worries or concerns relating to your child at home or any further support we may be able to offer or signpost you to.

### **ONLINE SAFETY**



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

### LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

De H While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older which are almed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

### BINGE WATCHING DIST

With the option to view content on With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, bisney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children bings watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep potterns and weight. patterns and weight.

### PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

### ENCROACHING **ADVERTS**

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 8+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

## ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which lan't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spalled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough - so using a PIN for adult profiles is PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

# Advice for Parents & Carers

#### ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 5 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 5+, 0+, 12+ or 14+.

#### TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themos, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

#### ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more ariented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

### ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show an Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years; your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

### Meet Our Expert



