



Dear Parents and carers,

Keeping our children safe is a priority for all in the Wellington Primary communities. This also extends to keeping our children safe online.

In recent weeks you may have seen national media coverage mentioning a character called **'Huggy Wuggy'** which has been the source of distress for some children, particularly those in the younger age groups. The character is from a video game designed for adults called Poppy Playhouse and is not appropriate for children. Unfortunately the character is not only found in the game but now has videos on **YouTube** and **TikTok** which children view thinking **'Huggy Wuggy'** might be a playful children's character. Some of the content is extremely harrowing and not something any child should be exposed to. Children should not be sharing stories of **'Huggy Wuggy'** or playing games using him as a character with other children in the playground or outside of school.

With that in mind could we ask that at home you are extremely vigilant in monitoring your child's online activity. The school has an excellent resource in the National Online Safety website which parents can register with and gain access to a great number of videos and guidance on how to keep children safe online.

You can register and access National Online Safety here:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/wellington-primary-1>

If we at school can offer any further support please do get in touch.

Many thanks,

Wellington Eagles Primary Academy