

Recommended for professional practitioners of Key Stage 2 and 3 pupils.
Includes the latest iteration of Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Background to Safety Net

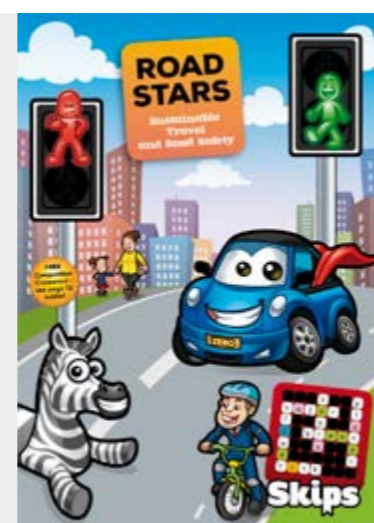
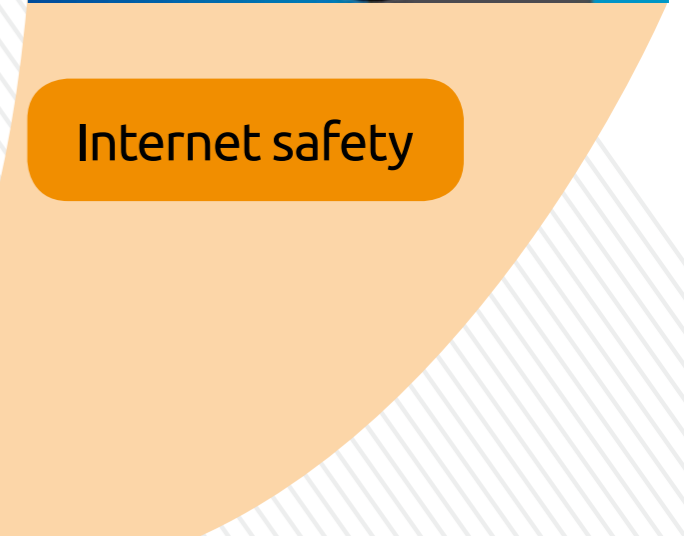
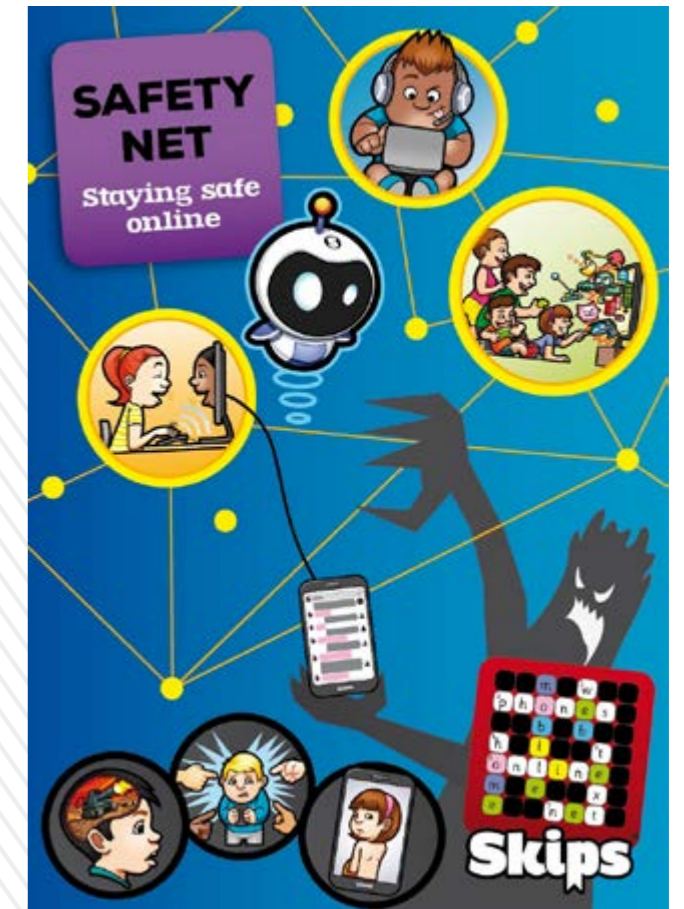
Safety Net is a unique educational programme designed to provide teachers with the tools and confidence to engage children, and then their parents, in a concerted effort to encourage safe online practice in the home.

As a direct consequence of the recognition received for our award-winning Sustainable Schools Programme, we were asked to form a collaborative with Birmingham City Council's Children's Safeguarding Team and Home Office Prevent to help investigate and address keeping children safe online.

As the Internet and social media act as the gateway to the adult world, children are increasingly accessing online platforms more and more outside school hours from an early age. Though they are becoming smarter and growing up computer literate, they are innocent and do not possess the life skills needed to recognise potential dangers. Parents worry about what their children are doing online, yet very few know how to help.

Safety Net provides a triangular approach between teacher, child, and parent, embedding the understanding needed to help children stay safe and behave online. It complements existing and forthcoming subjects including Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education, Health Education, Citizenship and Computing.

The programme success has been phenomenal and is increasingly being adopted by many schools, local authorities and multi-agency partnerships across the UK, establishing itself as a vital tool in safeguarding children. Linking to national resources from SIC, Childnet, CEOP and NSPCC, as well as Acceptable Use Policies (AUP) and Home-School Agreements, Safety Net has a clear and positive impact on pupil outcomes.



Changing behaviour through education

Safety Net is not just a book.

It's an educational programme designed to influence behaviour change, especially in the home.

The programme supports schools, teachers, pupils and their parents to engage in positive use of the Internet, social media, gaming and mobile devices by making the right choices.

Safety Net is not just confined to schools – our experience has discovered that reaching community groups and faith groups is another key area that strengthens the foundations for success.

Social Media can lead to cyber bullying or trolling



You don't need to put up with bullies.

This is how you can stop cyberbullying if it ever happens to you.

- Collect the evidence – keep mobile phone messages, take screen shots and print emails or social media conversations.
- Show the evidence to your parents or a trusted adult.
- Show the evidence to your Headmaster if it is from your school.
- Block the bully – the bully might use it against you.
- Report the bully and change your privacy settings.



Internet Trolls

There are some nasty people who take great pleasure in sending nasty messages to other people.



Safety Net case study: Birmingham City Council

In 2017 SKIPS, with support from Birmingham City Council's Children's Safeguarding, Home Office Prevent and West Midlands Counter Terrorism Police, produced an Internet Safety programme to help keep children safe online.

The case study pilot took place over a 12-month period and involved 143 Birmingham primary schools. The schools were diverse and included families from a wide range of social, religious and ethnic backgrounds.

Process of delivery:

- Teachers attended a CPD training day.
- Teachers delivered Safety Net lessons in their schools using the SKIPS classroom resources.
- The lessons delivered in school were observed by stakeholders
- Safety Net books were sent out as homework, designed to enhance parental engagement in the process.
- Parents attended Online Safety workshops delivered by SKIPS
- All stages were reviewed by participants and feedbacks evaluated.

Key figures:

- 10,500 pupils were each given a Safety Net classroom exercise book.
- 10,500 Safety Net parental engagement books were taken home.
- 4290 parents/carers attended a Safety Net parental workshop.

Teachers headline facts:

- All teachers valued the Safety Net books and training materials as of excellent quality,
- Unanimously teachers confirmed that Safety Net had created a positive difference in the classroom and in helping to enhance parental engagement.

- They stated that the programme was well thought out, in terms of rationale and lesson plan activities, leading to progression in child learning. Discussion on sensitive issues was also made easier.
- 86% of teachers confirmed that it had improved their own confidence in addressing pupils, parents and other staff, on internet safety
- Teachers confirmed because of the homework books, parental attendance to online safety workshops was significantly enhanced compared to similar events they had previously delivered.

Pupils headline facts:

- All pupils enjoyed and engaged with the lessons.
- A very high majority of pupils confidently conveyed the messages taught in the classroom to their parents through the parental engagement books, breaking down language barriers.
- Pupils siblings readily engaged with the books. With national statistics showing that boys do not read as much as girls, interestingly, more brothers than sisters read the books at home.
- For every Safety Net book that went home, on average an additional five further people shared in with the content.

Parents workshop headline facts:

- Nearly all the parents stated that they had concerns about what their children were doing online and with whom, yet very few knew what to do before attending the workshop.
- 92% of parents said they would have engaged more with their children's online activities if they had attended the workshop at an earlier date.



73% of engagement was with traditionally 'hard to reach' families

- One of the most striking pieces of information collected was that 73% of the parents who attended a parental workshop were considered by their school as the hardest to engage.

Conclusion

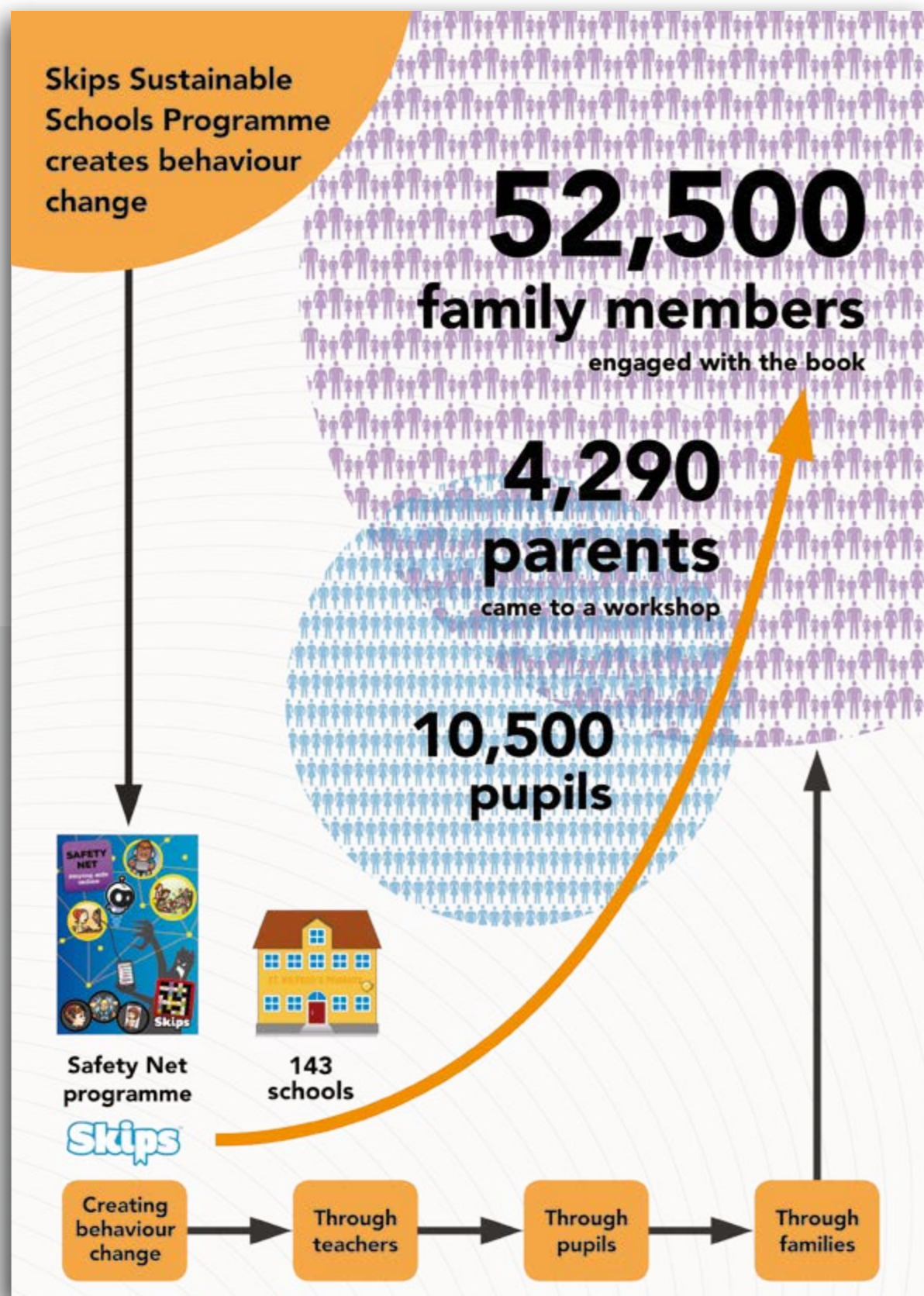
To keep children safe when they are using the internet, mobile devices, social media and gaming, it is vital parents need to be at the heart of the process starting at the earliest stage. The SKIPS methodology and Safety Net programme has proven to help build and strengthen the learning partnerships between parents, schools and pupils

to help sustain online safety for children in school and at home.

The success and the development of the pilot case study has helped shape a behaviour change programme that has subsequently been acknowledged and accredited by Home Office Prevent.



Case study: the extended reach



Case study: safeguarding disclosure



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The internet safety training has given me the confidence to not only teach the children how to be safe, but also to run parent safety workshops. It has given me ideas of good quality resources to use, ways of assessing the understanding of the usefulness and the impact of the booklet sent home.

It has also had an impact on the class because we have had two disclosures since the first lesson. The first one, a parent disclosed that after filling in the booklet with their child a disclosure was made by child A. It was a CSE disclosure asking to arrange to meet. We were able to discuss with both parent and child what they should do in the future. The child was able to tell us how they would deal with it differently if it was to happen again. They were also able to talk to the class about things to do if it should happen and engage in whole class dialogue.

The second incident was a PREVENT incident and has been referred on to the team, but as a result of talking about keep safe online and what we should do if we don't feel safe if ever we didn't feel safe or didn't like something we saw online Child B made a full disclosure about things that had been sent to a family members phone. This had made both Child B and sibling very upset.

The training has given me the confidence to discuss these disclosures to find out more information before recording them on CPOMS and passing them on to the DSL.

This is a valuable resource for teachers to use in the classroom to discuss issues that are a serious issues that are often not taught in primary schools. Because there are so many video resources out there it was good to see ways in which to use them and teach issues around them and have the reasons why to counter the children who think they know it all.

Terri Hall

Class Teacher

'St Clement's C of E Academy is a good school where the behaviour and safety of pupils are outstanding' (Ofsted 2014)



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Your Safety Net programme

What you will receive:

1. An in-school teacher training CPD session, either a full day or twilight session, bespoke to suit.
2. Training pack, resources and activities, saving hours on preparation time.
3. Resources to confidently deliver well-structured engaging internet safety parental workshops and the tools to enhance parental attendance.



1. Your Safety Net in-school Teacher Training CPD

- This can be delivered either as a full day or twilight session, bespoke to suit.
- Provides opportunity to create partnerships, demonstrate public benefit and social responsibility.

Teaching outline

To emphasise the importance of having open discussion from an early age, being supportive, understanding and knowing how to report.

To help you build children's resilience, as happy and successful citizens online and offline.

Course Objectives

To equip teachers with the knowledge, confidence and resources to deliver engaging lessons to children and well-structured parental workshops to include:

Module 1

- The dangers of sharing personal information when chatting online and through social media.
- Not everyone online is who they say they are.
- What is sexting, and when it can become a criminal offence.
- The risks involved when playing online games with others and the importance of age limit restrictions.
- Switching on webcams to spy.
- Privacy and safety settings.
- Scams, hacking and protecting professional reputation.
- Action planning.

Module 2

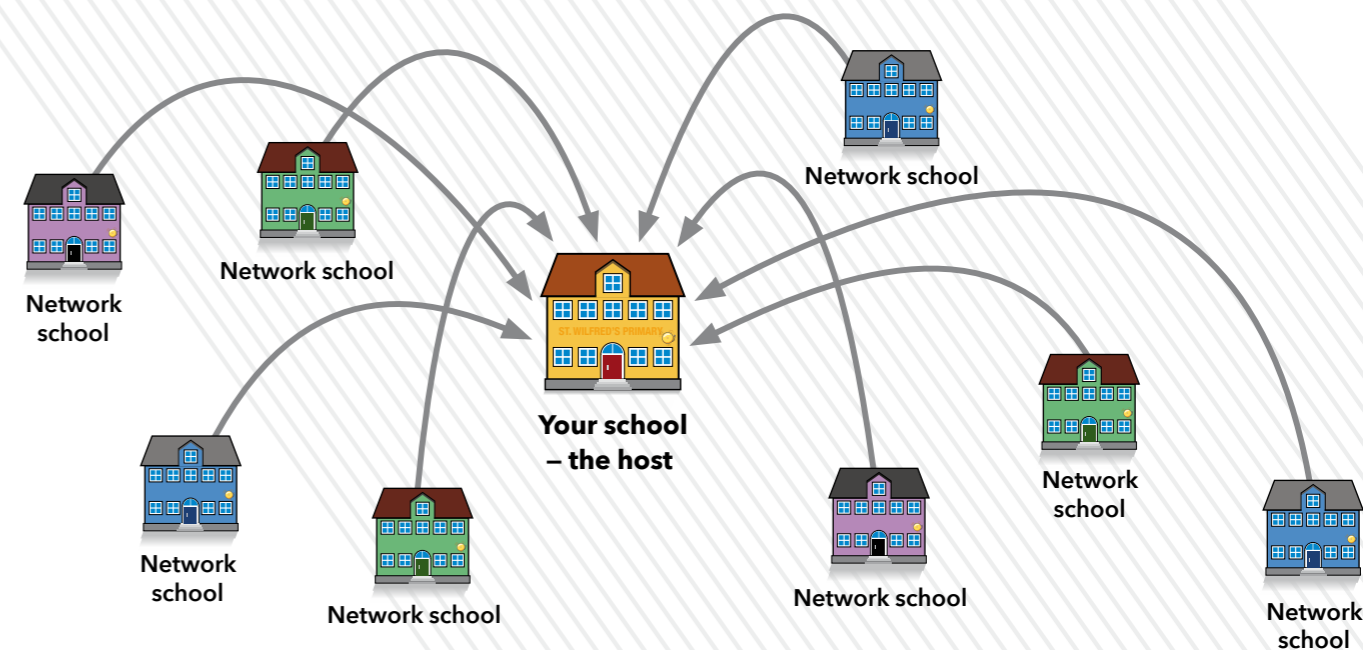
- Cyberbullying.
- Trolling.
- Fake news, as well as inaccurate and pervasive information that children might come across online.
- Grooming and how to recognise the methods used online by groomers who try to sexually exploit, blackmail or radicalise.
- Hate crime.
- Action planning.

"Incredible! We will be disseminating Safety Net to the whole school."
Highclare, Sutton Coldfield

Demonstrate public benefit and social responsibility

Involve other schools and group together

Share the learning - reach out into the community and invite teachers from other schools to join in with your training at no extra cost.



"The session was delivered very effectively, the content was shocking - a real eye opener. The videos, slides and other resources were excellent."
Blue Coat, Edgbaston, Birmingham

"The course was absolutely fantastic. Thoroughly informative and extremely useful. I hope you continue your success to make a difference to even more schools as it's brilliant!"
UCS Hampstead, London

2. Your Safety Net training pack and resources



You will receive a full toolkit of resources to include:

- A class set of Safety Net exercise books so you can evidence the learning and progression made by pupils in class.
- A class set of Safety Net parental engagement books. Fun homework books designed to encourage families to start the process of having open discussion on how to keep safe online, from an early age and create behaviour change.
- Lesson plans, rationales and delivery options, linking to national resources from SIC, Childnet, CEOP, NSPCC and more.
- Classroom PowerPoint.
- CPD Training pack which includes training slides and access to digital resources
- Parents engagement pack that will enable you to confidently engage parents on Internet safety and encourage their attendance at workshops. Pack to include guidance notes for parents, a parental workshop presentation and feedback forms.
- Completion certificates.

3. Your Safety Net Parental Workshop

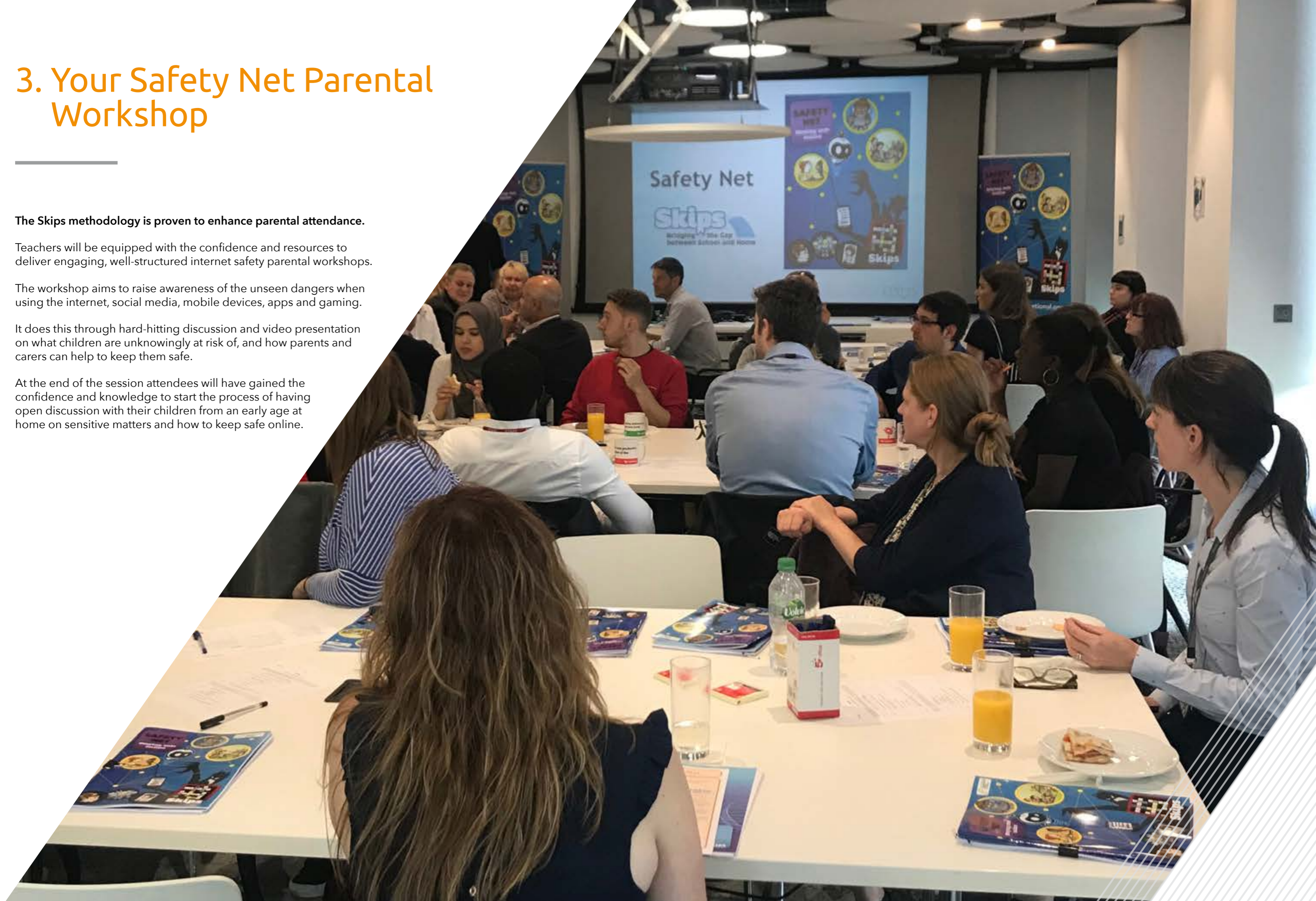
The Skips methodology is proven to enhance parental attendance.

Teachers will be equipped with the confidence and resources to deliver engaging, well-structured internet safety parental workshops.

The workshop aims to raise awareness of the unseen dangers when using the internet, social media, mobile devices, apps and gaming.

It does this through hard-hitting discussion and video presentation on what children are unknowingly at risk of, and how parents and carers can help to keep them safe.

At the end of the session attendees will have gained the confidence and knowledge to start the process of having open discussion with their children from an early age at home on sensitive matters and how to keep safe online.



What people are saying

Teachers

"I feel better equipped to deal with the issues. I learnt a lot more than I thought I would."

Teacher, Wheelers Lane Primary School

"I feel more confident in knowing how to keep children safe on the Internet. Parental responsibility is a must."

Teacher, Yew Tree Primary

"I thought I had a high level of awareness, but I was surprised."

Teacher, Conway Primary

Parents and carers

"It's an eye-opener and everyone should be made aware."

Parent, Christ Church CE Primary School

"My lack of knowledge today has opened my eyes. What I have seen and heard has been that good, I will be able to discuss with my grandchildren."

Grandparent, Hamstead Primary

"FANTASTIC. Very enlightening. Never thought I needed to get involved in gaming (doesn't interest me) until today."

Parent, Blue Coat School

"I found the session extremely valuable. I learnt so much. I will work more with the school and tell everyone."

Parent, Anglesey Primary

"I never knew people changed their voices to talk to children. Shocking, but I'm very happy you showed me this."

Parent, Somerville Primary

Governors

"Brilliant!! Very informative. Should have these sessions more often."

School Governor, Lozells Primary

"Excellent, not too heavy going, easy to follow. As a school governor I agree that this training is vital."

School Governor, New Oscott Primary

Organisations

For young children, promoting shared book reading should be a central component of any parental engagement approach. Home learning activities are linked to improved outcomes."

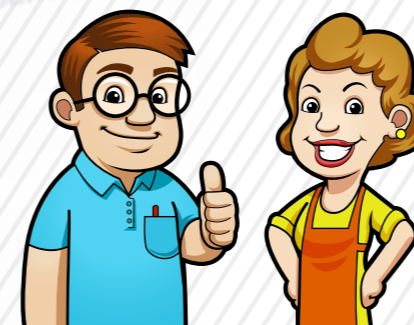
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"Although I thought I knew all about internet safety, this workshop has actually opened my eyes up further."

Counter Terrorism Police Officer

"Really informative. We need to deliver this to all our council employees."

Children Services practitioner





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