

# Chapel Allerton Primary School

## Online Safety Newsletter

### Spring 1



Dear parents and carers,

In this newsletter, we will focus on two popular games / apps - TikTok and Fortnite.

#### TikTok



**You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.** Users can watch musical clips, record clips (it includes lots of lip synching and dancing), edit them and add special effects.

#### Should I be concerned?

You need to be aware that some of the videos may contain explicit language and sexual imagery, which may not be suitable for your child to view. There is also the risk of strangers contacting your child so make sure you have set up the appropriate settings.

If your child is using TikTok then we recommend setting the account as private (this is the default setting for users under 16 since Jan 2021). Even with a private account, your child's profile information such as their photo and bio are still visible so ensure your child understands the importance of not adding personal information (e.g. location, age and phone numbers) to this area.

#### Family Pairing

This allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's account. This will allow you to set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of inappropriate content) and screen time management (control how long they can spend on TikTok each day). You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

#### Blocking and Reporting

As with similar apps, there is the ability to report and block other users so ensure your child knows how to use these features:

- <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>
- <https://support.tiktok.com/en/using-tiktok/followers-and-following/blocking-the-users>

#### Is your child playing Fortnite?



It is rated PEGI 12 game for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

#### What do I need to be aware of?

- Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language: Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- In app purchases: All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

#### Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings.

Find out more about parental controls here: <https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/parental-controls>



Dear parents, carers & guardians of Primary aged children,

The online world can be a bit overwhelming at times but it is important we understand what our children are doing online so we can help make them safer. The Safer Schools App aims to help with this.

We are delighted to invite you to download our new Safer Schools App provided by our school insurance provider Zurich Municipal.



### About the App

The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them both at school and at home. Through their log-in, your children get access to information that is relevant to them and you will receive tips and advice on how to keep them safer online.

**Excited? Ready to make your children safer?**

**Download the Safer Schools App now!**

*Make sure to enable push notifications to keep up-to-date with our tips, advice and guidance on how to make your children safer.*

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Educate, empower & protect the entire school community.

### Download and Login Instructions



#### STEP 1

Search 'Safer Schools' and download the App.

#### STEP 2

When you open the Safer Schools App, you will be presented with the login screen. Here you will see your two options for accessing the App - numeric or QR.

#### 1) Scan the QR Code

First, tap the "Scan QR Code" button (...or just Scan QR on Android...).

Hold your device so the QR code appears in your camera view (you may need to give permission for the App to use the camera). When it scans the code, you will be logged in!



#### 2) Using the Numeric Code

In the "Select your school" section, choose your organisation from the dropdown list and click "continue".

Next, simply enter the 4-digit access entry code for your role within the school (parent/carer, staff or pupil).



## WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD

If you have concerns about a child, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our designated safeguarding team:

**Mr Sykes – Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**

**Miss Lister – Safeguarding and Welfare Officer / Deputy DSL**

**Miss Opie – Deputy DSL (currently on maternity leave)**

Please make contact via the school office or by calling 0113 262 4851.

If you suspect that a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused, you can also contact:

**Leeds Children's Services Duty and Advice Team: 0113 376 0336.**

**NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)**

**If a child is in immediate danger, contact the police straight away on 999.**