

Chapel Allerton Primary School

Online Safety Newsletter

Spring 2



Dear parents and carers,

In this newsletter, we will focus on Whatsapp.

You must be at least 16 years old to register for and use WhatsApp.

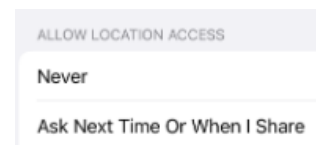
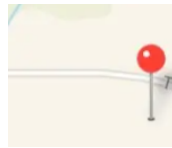
WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send messages and videos.



Group chats:

One of the key features is that WhatsApp has a group chat function that are set up by one person (the admin). Everybody in the group, even if they are not one of your child's phone contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group.

In settings, you can change who can add your child to groups, for example, you can change it to 'my contacts', which means that only those in your child's contacts can add them to a group. You can leave a group chat at any point so talk to your child and encourage them to leave any chat that makes them feel uncomfortable.

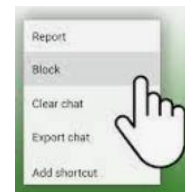


Location sharing:

If switched on, then when you share images/videos, it will show the location of where they were taken. This can be switched off in your phone settings. There is also a Live Location feature which allows you to share your location. Talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use but also the potential danger of sharing their location, for example with strangers.

Blocking/Reporting:

Show your child how to block and report:



<https://faq.whatsapp.com/general/security-and-privacy/about-blocking-and-reporting-contacts/?lang=en>

Online Bullying:

WhatsApp has been used in instances of online bullying, e.g. to send nasty messages or share images of other children without their permission. It is important to have regular chats with your child about their online life and that they understand that they must talk to you or another trusted adult if they are being bullied. This is a helpful article from NSPCC, which talks about what to do if you are being bullied: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

Further information:

<https://www.whatsapp.com/safety/>



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.

The Safer Schools App has been developed by Inqva, Safeguarding Group in partnership with Zurich Municipal. +44 (0) 2896 005 777 saferschools@inqva.com @OxofSaferSchools www.oxofsafer-schools.co.uk



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

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