

# Chapel Allerton Primary School

## Online Safety Newsletter

### Summer 1



Dear parents and carers,

In this newsletter, we will focus on three popular game - Minecraft, Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto.

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are playing online and make sure they know that they should always talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

#### Minecraft



Check the age ratings: Minecraft is rated by PEGI as 7+ or 12+ depending on which game version you are playing.

Minecraft remains ever popular and can be a great learning tool that is often used in schools to teach planning skills, recreate famous buildings in 3D and coding. Players use building blocks to create their own worlds.

What should I be aware of? -

Multiplayer - children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.

- Chat facility - you do have the option to switch this off.

- Block and report players - if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game. <https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/addressing-player-chat-reporting-tool>

- Additional purchases - be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items (skin packs) to support (although not needed) game play.

In addition, protect your child's privacy by using a nickname (don't include their age/birth year) rather than their real name for their profile and chat to your child to make sure that when playing online they know not to share personal information.



#### Call of Duty / WARZONE

Call of Duty games are predominantly rated 16+ or 18+ by PEGI which means you should be over these ages to play them. Many of the games receive this rating because they contain bad language and graphic violence. You should also be aware of in app purchases and in game chat. As with all games, make sure your child is aware of how to block/report other players within the game and that they know to talk to you or another trusted adult if anybody or anything is making them feel uncomfortable.

Further information is available here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-call-duty-warzone>



#### GTA - Grand Theft Auto

GTA is rated 18+ by PEGI (some earlier versions are rated 16+), this is largely because of bad language, violence, glamourisation of crime and the depiction of drugs. GTA is not suitable for those under this age.

Grand Theft Auto Online is a multi-player version of the game and is included with Grand Theft Auto 5. Players can play this version alone, or they can invite players to a game, or be involved in games with random players. The settings can be changed so you only play with those on your approved friends list.

What do I need to be aware of?

- Mature content - content can be unsuitable for children (which is why it is rated as 18).

- In game chat - this can be disabled and other players can be muted. This will depend on the device and version.

- In game spending - make sure your bank account details are not linked to the device your child is playing on.



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: 0800 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.**