

Chapel Allerton Primary School

Online Safety Newsletter

Summer 2



Dear parents and carers,

In this newsletter, we will focus on Snapchat. Don't forget to talk to your child about being kind online - only posting positive comments, don't say anything they wouldn't say in real life and treat others as they would expect to be treated.



What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is an app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. You must be 13+ to sign up. Users can send messages (snaps) to others that can only be seen for a set time period e.g. 10 seconds. Users can also upload snaps to stories which then disappear after 24 hours.

What should I be aware of?

- Who is your child friends with? Talk to your child about who their 'friends' online are.
 - Group chats - in a group chat there may be people that they're not friends with on the app who can then communicate with them in the group. This also increases their risk of interacting with strangers.
 - Snap Map - The map lets users see where 'friends' are. Location sharing via the map is optional and is off by default (we recommend that it remains off).
 - Snapchat streaks - Streaks count how many consecutive days two people have been sending Snaps to each other, this can increase pressure to respond daily.
 - Inappropriate content - due to the nature of the app your child may come across content that is inappropriate.
 - Screenshots - whilst Snaps disappear, users may take screenshots before they do, potentially resulting in them losing control of what they have shared as it could be sent to other people.
 - Bullying - there is a risk of bullying on all platforms so please ensure your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary.
- o <https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/article/remove-block-friends>
 - o <https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/a/report-abuse-in-app>

Safety tips

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and make sure that they know that they should always talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns. Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary.

We would recommend you explore Snapchat with your child and suggest why certain options are safer, for example, setting your account so only friends (rather than everyone) can see your content and only those you are friends with can contact you.

- <https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/article/privacy-settings2>



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 Zürich 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 Ineqs - Safeguarding Group in partnership with Zürich Municipal. @OurSaferSchools www.oursaferschools.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: 0800 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk

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