








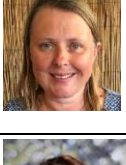


Oxenhope C of E Primary

Safeguarding Newsletter – 8.12.23

Message from Mrs Jones – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

We have really enjoyed learning about Road Safety over the last couple of weeks and this is so important with our dark mornings and evenings. Year 4 have also learnt about water safety, and we also learnt a lot about personal safety in our Anti-Bullying week. As a school staff we have been gaining knowledge about the new Online Safety Act 2023 and we have also trained two more of our staff as First Aiders. Mrs Whittaker is learning all about attachment and is working with Bradford Virtual Schools to help develop her knowledge of the effects of attachment disorders/trauma and this will in turn support our children in the Nest.

Key Staff

Mrs Jones –Head, safeguarding lead, Relationships Education Lead and Personal, Social and Health Education Lead	
Mrs Dyson and Mrs Woodhead – Pastoral Support	
Mrs Jones– Online Safety Lead	
Miss Cooper – Special Educational Needs Coordinator	
Mrs Brown – Assistant Head and Deputy DSL	
Mrs Jane Topham – safeguarding Governor	
Mrs Hartley and Mrs Costello – Attendance Leads	
Mrs Hopkinson – Before and After School Club – Deputy DSL	

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, act!

Our Named Persons for Child Protection are Alice Jones, Gillian Dyson, Caroline Auty, Joanne Brown, Laura Woodhead, Oliver Thurlby and Janet Hopkinson

Useful phone numbers:

School – 01535 642271

Social Services Initial Contact Point 01274 437500

NSPCC – 0800 800 5000

West Yorkshire Police – 101 or 999

Christmas

Although Christmas can be a joyful time of year it can also cause a lot of stress and anxiety. Below are a useful list of helplines and websites who can offer support to you and your family.

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.



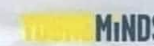
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Helpline
mind.org.uk



Text SHOUT to 85258
24/7 text service
giveusashout.org



116 123
24/7 helpline
samaritans.org



Text YM to 85258
24/7 text service
youngminds.org.uk



0800 58 58 58
Helpline for men
thecalmzone.net



0800 068 4141
Under 35s Helpline
papyrus-uk.org

Supporting Neurodivergent children at Christmas

There are many things you can do to support your child during Christmas time:

- Create a festive timetable of all the activities you are doing
- Put some calmer moment in your day
- Consider decoration free zones in your house where children can feel 'normal'
- Using ear defenders or fidget toys could help children regulate at busy or noisy time.
- Remember Christmas doesn't need to be perfect !

AGE RESTRICTION
13+



Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images, videos and chat with friends. Users can share images and videos directly to specific friends, or through a 'story' shared with their entire friend list, which documents the previous 24 hours. In a study, Snapchat was ranked the 4th most negative app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling that they can use the app Snapchat to "make you look pretty."



What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT



EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION

The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story', stating that "snaps you submit to 'Our Story' can still show up on the Map, no matter which location setting you choose!" When uploading to 'Our Story', your child's image or video could appear in "Search results and Stories on or off Snapchat - today or in the future."

LENS EXPLORER

The 'Lens Studio' on Snapchat gives users the freedom to use their imagination to design their own filters for themselves and others to use. Snapchat states that the lenses users create "must comply with our Lens Studio Submission Guidelines and Community Guidelines and must be appropriate for Snapchatters ages 13+." The 'Lens Explorer' in the app now enables users to choose from thousands of these creations to alter their snaps. Anyone can create a lens for Snapchat, which gives opportunities for age-inappropriate content to be uploaded.

SCREENSHOTS & SAVED MESSAGES

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record anything which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they think they trust. They may also accidentally send an image or message to somebody who they do not trust. Simply by pressing and holding a message, the user is able to save a message they have received, which can be screenshotted or used against them at a later date.

SNAPSTREAKS & ADDICTION

'Snap Streaks' are gained when snaps have been sent back and forth consecutively between friends. The longer that snaps are sent between users, the longer the streak becomes. Furthermore, Snapchat rewards users who have achieved high Snap Streaks, by gifting emojis, adding incentives for users to keep the streaks. Children invest time into making their streaks as long as possible, which can put an incredible amount of pressure on both themselves and their friendships.

SEXTING

Due to 'Snaps' disappearing, (users can even send a one-second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'selfies.' Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves. However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

SNAP ORIGINALS

Through 'Snap Originals', users can watch content which has been created by Snapchat on the app, including comedy shows, drama, news and more. Additionally, there are new lenses and filters available, inspired by the 'snap originals' shows. This is another feature to encourage addiction.



Top Tips for Parents



THE RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks. Ensure your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted. Teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences as the message, image or video can be shared further.

REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE

If your child comes across inappropriate Snapchat content sent directly to them or in another person's story, advise them to report it immediately. This may include an inappropriate lens, filter, message or snap. To report an offensive lens, they should open the app and select the lens they want to report. An info button will appear above the lens. Click this, followed by the flag icon. This will send a report to Snapchat for further investigation. Reports can also be made on the Snapchat support website: support.snapchat.com.

USE 'GHOST MODE'

We highly recommend enabling 'Ghost Mode' on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map.' To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change the setting to 'Ghost Mode.'

HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE

Advise your child never to send any negative messages (or images through gallery in the chat on the app) as screenshots can still be taken. You should also advise your child to screenshot any negative comments they receive as the sender can also delete them. To delete a message, simply press and hold the sent message and press delete.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick Add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature. This can be done in the settings.

RESTRICT STORY VIEWS

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which will last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in a user's friends list can see their story. We recommend checking the privacy settings to ensure that this has not been edited. This can simply be done in the app's settings under the 'Who Can View My Story' section. The options to choose from are 'My Friends,' 'Everyone' or 'Custom' - we suggest that it is set to 'My Friends.'



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A whole school community approach to online safety
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Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061