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Welcome to the third edition of the Greengate Lane Academy E-Safety newsletter.

The newsletter will be produced each term and will be available online at: www.greengatelane.sheffield.sch.uk

The aim of this newsletter is to give parents, carers and pupils up to date news and information about how to stay safe online both in school and at home. On the following pages you are given a website which has some excellent online safety information for parents, carers and children. There is also some information on the more popular apps that children access.

If there are any articles you would like to see in the newsletter or if you would like further information on any of the articles in this newsletter please see **Mrs McConnell**.

Remember the SMART rules to stay safe:

S: Be Safe

M: Don't Meeet Up

A: Accepting Emails can be Dangerous

R: Reliable?

T: Tell Someone!

E-Safety Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the E-Safety Survey.

We are pleased that we received 77 (or 43%) of the surveys back.

We will run another survey in September

ThinkUKnow

This is a very easy to use website with a great deal of information for children, parents and carers.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

The website is easy to navigate and has information and resources which are appropriate to particular ages groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14+ with an additional area for parents and carers to visit.

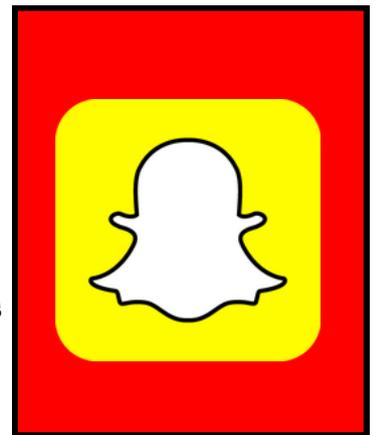
The site gives children (and parents/carers) information on ways to stay safe online; how to report anything which makes them feel uncomfortable and also an fun area where they can learn how to be safe online.



Yellow App: "Make friends on Snapchat"

This has been dubbed the 'Tinder for Teens', a free app which enables young people to connect with others via their Snapchat accounts. The app allows users to create a profile with pictures of themselves which is then shared with others. Users can then like or dislike a profile by swiping left or right. When two users are matched, they are instantly given access to each others Snapchat and Instagram accounts, as well as a messaging feature.

Users must be over 17 to sign up to Yellow. Information is not yet available to verify if or how the app is able to ensure only young people over the age of 17 can sign up.



Social Media Apps - Be Aware

You may be familiar with some of the many social media apps that are available such as WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook.

There are also a number of apps available which children should be wary of:-

Kik Messenger: Share messages, photos, games etc.

MeetMe: Allows users to meet and communicate with other people worldwide

Meow Chat: Allows users to chat with strangers in a public chat room or as a private conversation.

ooVoo: Allows users to video chat with others, Minimum age is 13.

Omegle: Randomly connects the user to another who is on the site, in audio or video.

Safer Internet Day - 7th February 2017

During the week commencing 6th February children will be learning all about the internet including - how the internet can be a useful tool for learning and research, understanding that not everything on the internet is true, how important it is to keep safe when on using the internet and how to report online abuse, bullying or concerns.

It is important that children, parents and carers understand that 'the internet' also relates to access to Xbox Live, Snapchop, Instagram, Facebook, WhatsApp, ooVoo, Kik Messenger and other social media sites.

To find out more please ask for an e-Safety pack from Mrs McConnell at the office or visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

or

<http://www.childnet.com/resources>

Parent Zone - We are a Digital School!

Our school is part of Parent Zone's Digital Schools Membership programme, recognising our commitment to keeping our pupils safe online, and making sure we work with you and all of the school community to achieve this.

The school will be using a 'DigiDog' as part of learning how to be safe online.



Online Training

Parent Zone includes an online digital parenting course 'Parenting in the Digital Age'. The course is free and is available at:

www.parentzone.org.uk/parentcourse

You should have received a letter explaining how to register for the course, but copies are available from the school office.

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The ethos of Greengate Lane Academy is underpinned by the belief that each child has the right to work, play and learn in a friendly, safe and supportive environment. Equally we believe that all members of staff have the right to deliver their professional responsibilities in a similar environment.

The staff and governors at Greengate Lane Academy take steps to ensure that all children in school are safe when using the internet.

We would like parents and carers to support the school by ensuring that their children are also safe when using the internet at home.

If you have any questions about E-safety please contact Mrs McConnell in the school office.

Social Media Apps: Apps to allow but monitor use ✓
Other Apps to avoid X please see page 2



WhatsApp ✓



Instagram ✓

kik.

Kik Messenger X



Meow Chat X



Meet Me X



ooVoo X



Omegle: Talk to Strangers X

