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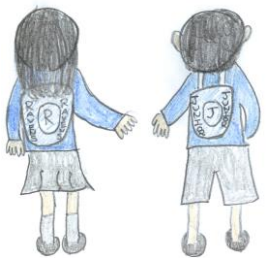


Parent Questionnaire

Thank you so much to all parents who completed our questionnaire on parents' evening. We have collated the results and will let you know of the outcome and how we plan to start responding to suggestions made in the next few newsletters. Parents are very welcome to also register their view on Parent View and there is a link on our website. Please note that schools cannot see any comments made by parents on this site.

The next INSET day is on Monday 2nd of July.

The summer disco is this Friday, the 18th May, 6.30 – 8.00pm. The entrance fee is £2.00 on the door and pupils are invited to dress up with a beach theme. Squash and water are freely available and sweets will be on sale.

Sport's Day

A letter has gone out giving details about this ready for Friday.

On the same day we will be having a Royal Picnic Lunch and all pupils will be able to have an ice-cream from the ice-cream van, partially funded by Friends of Ravensdale. The van should be around in the afternoon for adults on sports day, but please do not buy one for your children until after school.

At approximately 1.30pm, we will be having a short ceremony for the official opening of the running track, attended by representatives from One Stop, as the company kindly provided a grant towards the costs.

The end of the school day

Please don't allow pupils to run between our classrooms, climb on the railings, or be near the classroom windows at the end of the school day. This disrupts the end of a teaching session and distracts pupils when important messages are given out.

Internet Safety

Thank you very much to the parents who attended the online safety briefing with the trainer, Traci Good. On the same day, staff and governors also received training.

We know that this is an area where most parents find it very hard to keep up to date and that one meeting a year is not going to address all of the needs when changes are happening so quickly.

As a school, we will endeavour to pass current information on to you via our newsletter and Twitter feed, and we will soon have an Online Safety tab under 'Parent Information' on our website. Please see information about Snapchat at the end of this newsletter.

Inspiring Derby

Received via email:

We are pleased to enclose a link to the ***Inspiring Derby Week 2018*** brochure which takes place from **Monday 18 June to Saturday 23 June 2018**. This will be the third year that the Derby Adult Learning Service is organising this incredibly worthwhile week of celebrations to showcase Derby and further raise pride in the city for those who live, work and visit. Everyone can book onto two of the Derby Adult Learning sessions but you can book onto as many of the other tasters as you want (booking details are listed with each event in the booklet).

Please find a link to the new Inspiring Derby 2018 brochure below:

http://www.adult-learning-derby.org.uk/images/pdf/IDW-2018.pdf

Prince William Award

The pupils who are taking part in the award in Year 5 and 6 are currently designing and planning their end of year project. They will be creating a lovely wildlife and multi-sensory area in the corner of the field next to the car park. This area has been cleared of brambles in preparation and new fencing put up along the boundary. Their plans look very exciting and we hope to create a lovely area for both the infants and juniors to use for science and activities such as 'den building'.

Netball Tournament

As well as sports day next week, we are also hosting a netball tournament for local schools, after school on Wednesday. There were many positive comments after last year's event and we would like to thank Mrs Crane for organising a similar event this year.

Amanda Spielman

Amanda Spielman (head of OFSTED) was in Derby recently and visited The Bemrose School and Hardwick Primary. She was very complimentary about the wonderful work happening at these schools and across the city.

Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images for a limited number of seconds, chat with users before messages disappear, and share images with their friends list through a 'story'.

What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT

SNAP MAP

In 2017, Snapchat introduced a new feature called 'Snap Map', which allows users to see the EXACT location of the people on their friends list in real-time and watch stories from around the world. Users can view a map called a 'Snap Map'. This feature completely exposes your child's location and users can potentially follow your child from their home to their school.

'SNAP STREAKS'

'Streaks' tell users how many days in a row they have spoken or sent 'snaps' to one another. What's dangerous about this? It forces young people into putting a false sense of importance on a superficial number to the extent that it becomes something that can make or break a friendship. For example, if a person forgets to message or send a picture to their friend, breaking their 200-day streak, this could cause a confrontation between the friends. This can put an incredible amount of pressure on children to keep streaks.

SCREENSHOTS

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear after a maximum of 10 seconds, users can still screenshot or save them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is a possibility in the app and send an image to someone they trust.

SEXTING

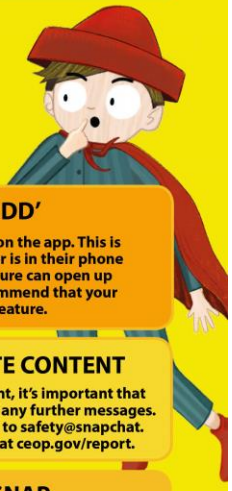
Due to 'Snaps' disappearing soon after they're received, (users can even send a one second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for sending sexually explicit images or 'selfies' to someone. The short amount of time gives children the confidence to send the pictures.

Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, 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 that taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

NOS National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



THINK BEFORE YOU SNAP

Ensure that your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted and teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences, as if the message lasted forever.

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.

EDUCATE ABOUT RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, then it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks prior to using Snapchat.

REPORTING INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If your child is receiving inappropriate content, it's important that you report it. First block the sender to prevent any further messages. You can then report this by sending an email to safety@snapchat.com. If the problem persists, contact CEOP at ceop.gov/report.

RESTRICT WHO CAN VIEW THEIR STORY

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in their friends list can see their story. We recommend that children only have their close friends and family on the app.

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ENTER 'GHOST' MODE ON SNAP MAPS

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 your settings to 'Ghost Mode'.

HOW TO DEACTIVATE SNAPCHAT

If your child wanted to delete their Snapchat account, simply deleting the app from their phone is not enough. To deactivate the account, users will have to log in to their account on desktop or on their mobile device (not through the app). Here, you:

1) Go to support.snapchat.com/delete-account
2) Here, click on 'Delete my account'
3) You will then be asked to enter your username and password again

DISAPPEARING ILLEGAL CONTENT

Snapchat 'deletes by default' which means every opened snap image or video is automatically deleted. If your child has seen criminal activity on Snapchat, you should report it immediately - See 'Reporting Inappropriate Content' above.

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