



# Little Heaton C E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## RE: YEAR 6 ONLINE SAFETY

It has been brought to my attention today that at least seven of our Year 6 pupils are part of a Snapchat Group outside of school. The NSPCC sets out excellent guidance in the article below under the title ***Is Snapchat safe for my child?***

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

It also states that the age-rating for Snapchat is 13+.

I will ask Mrs Shires to spend some time next week revisiting online safety and talking about *The Power of Words* with Year 6. I would ask you to also do the same with your child at home, and ensure that children are treating each other with respect at all times. Please can I also remind you that the age rating for the use of WhatsApp is 16+ and you can find further information here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

Whilst we are working to educate pupils about the importance of respectful behaviour at all times, and appropriate online behaviour, we cannot regulate these activities when they occur outside of school hours. Please support us with this and monitor your child's mobile phone and online activity.

If you have any further concerns or queries, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs S Hamer

Headteacher