

Welcome to our autumn term copy of our eSafety newsletter, the first one of this academic year. This is a little bit more than just eSafety this time as we have some new exciting things to share too!

More useful information and websites can be found on our school website at: <https://www.st-peter-gowts.lincs.sch.uk/online-safety/>

Please do get in touch if you have any questions, comments or concerns you would like to discuss with us.

Many thanks for your continued support.
The St Peter at Gowts Team



We love National Online Safety in school. The CPD and resources are brilliant for ensuring we are kept up to date with the latest developments

and resources to deliver the best eSafety curriculum possible.

We have achieved the NOS accredited school award and we are keen to gain this accreditation again this school year and need the support from parents and carers to be able to do so.

If you haven't signed up already, please find below the URL you need to visit to register your account. You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-peter-at-gowts-ce-primary-school>

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the 'Online Safety for Parents and Carers' course and all the resources the site has on offer.

NOS publish weekly guides to support schools and parents with getting to know different apps, social media platforms and websites etc. We will retweet the guides each week so do keep an eye on the school Twitter accounts. These can also be found on the NOS website when you have created an account.



Recently, our teacher Twitter accounts have gone public. It has been a great success and meant that we have been able to Tweet famous authors, interact with online education forums, follow a wider range of educationalists and also continue to share more widely the fantastic things that are happening in our school!

After Easter, we will be launching our school Facebook page. This will run along our current Twitter accounts and aims to reach those members of the school community who prefer to use Facebook rather than Twitter. This will be an open account, as is the school Twitter.



Facebook will be used by staff in a similar way as Twitter and in line with our school's policies (available on our website). Children's photos will still be uploaded, along with their work and achievements. Names will never be used alongside photos of the children. Where children's photos cannot be used on social media, faces will be blurred or covered so the children cannot be identified. Parents will still be able to follow staff and keep up to date with what is happening in school.

We hope that our new Facebook account will support us in continuing to:

- Share successes and celebrations, informing parents of special events and achievements,
- Celebrate learning within the classroom, helping parents to share in their child's learning journey,
- Remind parents about upcoming events and encourage children to join in with extra opportunities happening in school and locally,
- Share all the wonderful experiences both on and off site that the children are engaging in so parents can discuss and talk at home.

If you have any questions, please speak to us.



We have been hearing lots of chatter in school about Snapchat at the moment and wanted to share National Online Safety's guide with parents and carers.

A reminder that Snapchat, as with many social media apps, has a 13+ age restriction. This is because of the content that may potentially be on the platform. We appreciate many parents gave given consent for children to use this app but we do encourage you to ensure that you talking to your children about how they use this and other social media apps, alongside promoting key online safety messages, such as sharing anything worrying with a trusted adult. We will continue to do this in school.

In UKS2, please be aware that group chats are very popular. These are normally fun ways for the children to communicate outside of school but something that has been a hot topic of conversation at the moment. We have been speaking about using these safely during PSHE and computing lessons.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SNAPCHAT (13+)

SNAPCHAT is a photo- and video-sharing app which also allows users to chat with friends via text or audio. Users can share images and videos with specific friends, or through a story (documenting the previous 24 hours) visible to their entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose during the pandemic, with many young people wishing to connect with their peers. The app continues to develop features to compete an ever larger audience and emulate current trends, rivaling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
Even if your child only connects to the app with people they know, they may still receive messages from strangers. Snapchat's links with apps associated with social media, such as Instagram, means that children are more likely to receive messages from people they don't know. Snapchat and Snap Map can be used to share photos to people they trust for similar purposes.

EXCESSIVE USE
There are many features that are designed to keep them excited about the app. Snap streaks encourage users to keep sending snaps daily. Snap Map shows the location of other users and allows them to see who is nearby. Snap Map also allows users to see who is nearby. Snap Map also allows users to see who is nearby.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Some videos and posts on Snapchat are not suitable for children. Some images used to group content are determined by the poster, so can be inappropriate. Snapchat also allows users to share content with friends. Snapchat also allows users to share content with friends.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

TURN OFF QUICK ADD
The Quick Add function helps people find new friends to add. Parents should ensure that their child has turned off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed in the top right).

KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE
Profiles are private by default, but children may not be able to restrict who can see their content. Parents should ensure that their child has set their account to private. Parents should ensure that their child has set their account to private.

BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT
If a stranger sends a message or image to a child on Snapchat, parents should ensure that their child knows how to block and report the user. Parents should ensure that their child knows how to block and report the user.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Claire Baines is a child safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and online safety policies for schools. She has written numerous academic papers and is a member of the Australian Government's eSafety Commissioner's Young People's Panel in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Online safety workshops with Dan Hawbrook

This term, Years 2 and 3 were very fortunate to have been visited by the lovely Dan Hawbrook from Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership, who has led an online safety workshop in both classes.

These were such interesting and informative workshops and we are keen to share the messages and resources with all parents and carers.

Dan's workshops focused on the wonders of social media and also how the children can keep themselves safe when using different platforms.



Wonderful Dan is helping us to keep safe on the internet! What do we know about e-safety? @mrsbradleyspag



A great e-safety workshop with the wonderful Dan! We know all about being safe on the internet by being 'superheroes' with secret identities and not giving away any clues to our real identities! @mrsbradleyspag



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