

# Online Safety Newsletter:

## Spring 2020

### Safer Internet Day 11th February 2020

**Safer Internet Day is on the 11th February.  
At Wickhambrook Primary Academy  
we will be celebrating with the theme:  
Together for a better Internet.**

#### What is Safer Internet Day?

Safer Internet Day is coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre but is celebrated across the globe. Its aim is to inspire a conversation about using technology responsibly and urges parents, schools and other organisations to get involved.

#### Parent resources

The UK Safer Internet Centre have produced a series of short films for SID in which they asked young people to give their advice for parents/carers about how they can talk to their children about their online lives. The clips are available to watch here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer/film-how-can-parents-talk-children>

#### How to set up your devices.

It is important to check that all devices within the home are secure especially with children using mobile devices.

A great website for more information on how to secure your devices is...

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

#### YouTube: Restricted mode.

Does your child use YouTube? Have you set up the restricted mode?

Restricted Mode (available on the website and app) allows the user to restrict access to mature or objectionable content.

Childnet have produced a parent's guide to YouTube Restricted Mode, Which illustrates how it works and what you should be aware of:

[Http://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-youtube-restricted-mode.](http://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-youtube-restricted-mode)

*Remember that this mode may not be 100% effective. YouTube kids may be safer option for your family as it provides additional settings such as a content filter by age as well as providing a more contained environment.*

### Apple iOS: Parental controls

If your child has an Apple device then you/they have probably updated their device to iOS 13.3 by now. Did you know that this update included two new screen time features for parents?

**Communication limits** This new feature allows you to limit who your child can call, FaceTime or Message during allowed screen time and during downtime. During allowed screen time, users can be contacted by everyone or by contacts only, which prevents unknown contacts from contacting them. You will need to go to Settings - Screen Time - Communication Limits to set up. iCloud syncing of Contacts must be enabled for this feature to work

**Contact list** The contact list for children lets parents/carers manage their child's contacts on their child's devices.

## Apps to Monitor

### WHATSAPP



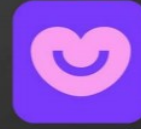
WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.

### TIKTOK



TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

### BADOO



BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.

### BUMBLE



BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.

### SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24

### KIK



KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

### LIVE.ME



LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.

### HOLLA



HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.

### WHISPER



WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

### ASK.FM



ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

### CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.

### HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.

## Childline Calm zone

Childline have created this area, which includes activities, tools, games and videos. Its aim is to give you ideas to make you feel calmer when you are stressed or anxious.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

