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Re: Mobile Phones/Snapchat

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have been contacted by a local primary school that has informed us of an internet safety issue regarding Snapchat.

Snapchat is a messaging app with an age rating of 13 +. It was reported that an older person had joined groups on the app with local P7 pupils and posted inappropriate material.

I have spoken to the class about this and reminded them of ensuring that if they have the app that they only interact with known friends. We have upcoming internet safety workshops arranged for the class also as the issues around this app are continually arising.

If you allow your child to use Snapchat, I advise you to visit the National Online safety website link that I have posted below which has advice for parents on the use of Snapchat. Please discuss the importance of staying safe online and help reaffirm the message that pupils should not message, add anyone or join groups in which there are people unknown to them.

Please see the link below for a parental guide on Snapchat.

<https://www.stpatrickspscullyhanna.com/cmsfiles/items/downloads/Snapchatleaflet.pdf>

Your support is greatly appreciated.

P.Quinn