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SAFEGUARDING TERMLY UPDATE SPRING 25

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers

At Aqueduct Primary, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Anyone who comes in to contact with children and their families has a role to play.

KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE!

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe on line. Find out how with the on-line safety guides on the NSPCC Website Keeping children safe online | NSPCC

Get advice on setting up parental controls Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC

Understand the risks of children playing on line games safely How to Ensure Your Children Stay Safe While Playing Online Games | NSPCC

CEOP Safety Centre Child Exploitation and On-line Protection

Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online?

Make a report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors- use link above.

Keeping Children Safe

Please take some time to familiarise yourselves with the Safeguarding pages on the school website which have links and advice, as well as telephone numbers to contact if you believe that a child may be at risk. We are continually updating the web-site and have recently added a 'safeguarding support list' available on the drop down menu titles 'Well-being and Safety.'

IF you are worried about a child's safety please contact below.

Contact Family Connect - report concerns about a child's welfare. Don't wait until you're certain, if you are worried about a child, call **Family Connect** now: **01952 385385 option 01952 676500 (out of hours)**

If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away. The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Aqueduct Primary:
Mr Pugh
Mrs Clarke
Mrs Duppa
Mr Palin
Mrs Batchelor

They can be contacted via the school office 01952 984980 or

Email: admin@aqueductprimary.org

For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, please visit the 'Safeguarding' page on our school website Click on the link!

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ATTENDANCE - FIRST DAY CALL PROCEDURE

If we have not heard from you by 9.30am, the office staff will contact you. If we are unable to contact you, we will start to call all the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is, then we may make a home visit. However, if we still have not been able to get a response, consideration will be given as to whether we alert the police to carry out a home welfare check. This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe.

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EAL Resources for online safety

Leaflets with details on how to keep your children safe online are available in other languages

Arabic   Hindi   Turkish

Bengali Polish   Urdu

English Punjabi   Vietnamese

Farsi   Somali

French   Spanish   Welsh

http://www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online

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A Child's First Phone

According to Ofcom, about a quarter of 5-7 year olds own a smartphone, while by age 11, 91% of children have one. If you're considering getting your child a phone or passing down an old device, here are four recommendations.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SETTING BOUNDARIES WHEN GIVING YOUR CHILD THEIR FIRST PHONE:

1. Parental access:
- Passwords shared
- Regular checking of social media and messaging services
- Approval of apps before download

2. Phone-free time:
- Daily limits
- Phone-free activities
- Designated time set aside for phone use, then returned to a central place when not in use

3. Phone-free areas:
- Phones are not to be taken into bedrooms or bathrooms
- Phones turned off and stored in a central place (for charging), 30 minutes before bed

4. Conduct:
- Respect and kindness shown whilst using the phone
- Open dialogue and no secrecy about what it is been used for

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WhatsApp

PLEASE SEE ADVICE BELOW ABOUT SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN WHEN USING WHATSAPP.

More and more of our children in school admit to using WhatsApp and we are dealing with more and more issues linked to this ... yet the minimum age is 16+!

16+
WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

58%
Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

37%
Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp
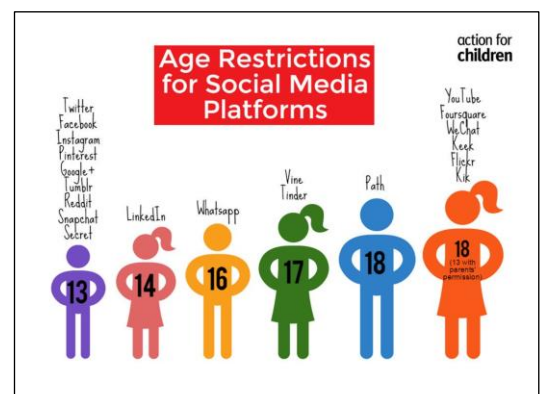

ChildLine 0800 1111

ON-LINE SAFETY

We have had increasing reports from parents of children being upset when using particular apps on social media. Children have been telling us that they use WhatsApp and other Apps that are not appropriate for their age.

Here is a reminder of the age restrictions and some links to useful support.

Childnet Toolkit to support parents	Common Sense Media Independent reviews and age ratings.	GOV.UK - Keeping Children Safe Online Protecting children on-line	GOV.UK - Staying Safe Online Security and privacy settings- parental control

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

action for children

Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Google+, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat, Secret — **13**

LinkedIn — **14**

Whatsapp — **16**

Vine, Tinder — **17**

Path — **18**

YouTube, Foursquare, WeChat, Keek, Flickr, Kik — **18** (13 with parents permissions)

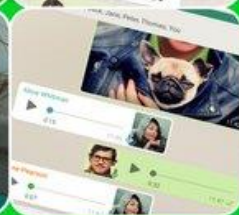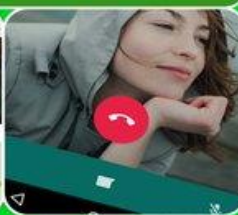Positivity   Respect   Kindness   Safety   Happiness   Learning

WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.

AGE RESTRICTION **16+**

What parents need to know about
WhatsApp

AGE LIMIT CHANGE
Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES
Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people,' encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES
WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING
Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with some- body they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING
WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.

National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE
Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone,' 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody.' We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE
If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list – they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES
Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2)Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam.'

LEAVE A GROUP
If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, If they leave again, they cannot be added again.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY
If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES
If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone.' The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS
A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

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