



Highfields Primary School Online Safety Newsletter

Online Grooming

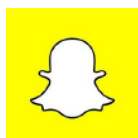
Internet Matters have produced a guide outlining what you need to know about Online Grooming:

[https://
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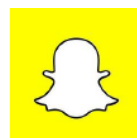
Sky Broadband Shield

Do you have Sky Broadband? Sky offer a set of free tools to all customers to help make the internet a safer place for your family, for example safe search. You can find out more about the settings available and how to set it up here:

[https://
www.sky.com/help/
articles/sky-
broadband-shield-
start](https://www.sky.com/help/articles/sky-broadband-shield-start)



Snapchat



What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is an app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that can only be seen for a set time period e.g. 10 seconds. Users can also upload snaps to stories which then disappear after 24 hours.

Snapchat Family Centre

Snapchat have introduced an in-app tool called Family Centre. Family Centre will allow you to see who your child is friends with on Snapchat and who they have been communicating with (you will not be able to see the contents of conversations). You will also be able to see who they are friends with on Snapchat, report accounts confidentially and view resources to help you start conversations with your child about online safety.

Snapchat are also planning on adding additional tools within Family Centre in the future. You can find out more about Family Centre here:

<https://snap.com/en-GB/safety-and-impact/post/family-center>

Safety tips

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and make sure that they know that they should always talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns. **Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary.**

We would recommend you explore Snapchat with your child and suggest why certain options are safer, for example, setting your account so only friends (rather than everyone) can see your content and only those you are friends with can contact you.

<https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/article/privacy-settings2>

More information

You can find out more about Snapchat using the following links:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

<https://snap.com/en-GB/safety/safety-center>