



# The Ripley Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Staying Safe over the Summer**

At The Ripley Academy we take great pride in our responsibility to work in partnership parents and carers in order to ensure the safety of our students at all times. We all know that the long summer holidays can sometimes be a worrying time for parents as your children have more time to engage in risky behaviour.

As the weather hopefully gets hotter, children can forget to wear sunscreen during the day and may need a gentle reminder of this to avoid sunburn. Drinking water and remembering to stay hydrated during the hotter days can also be a challenge to children who like to be out and about with friends.

It is likely that some children will spend more time on the internet or gaming during the holidays when they have substantially more time to do so. Where possible, talk to your child about their internet use. The holidays are a perfect time to talk about what they do on the internet and this may give you some reassurance. Different children will have different amounts of knowledge, risk-taking and resilience. Talk with them about what they like to do online, where they go and who they talk to.

The most important thing to remember is to put online networking into a real life context. For example, would you let your children to be in a crowd of unknown adults who may be swearing, using sexual innuendos or other things inappropriate for children to see and hear?

- Consider the online games they are playing and what age the other players may be
- Do you know the age-rating of those games? Are your children playing 18-rated games such as Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty?
- To find out what a game is like before you buy it for your child, you could go onto YouTube and do a search. It is likely there will be videos of people playing the game.
- What social networking apps are they using? What are they sharing and who with?
- Would you be happy with all of this in the real world?

Please find attached the latest guidance regarding the Snapchat app which is used by a large proportion of students. It is vital that the settings are changed on your child's profile otherwise this app lets other users know their exact location.

## Fire Safety

Did you know that in the UK, 79,000 fires are started on grass and heathland every year? This is an average of 216 every day! Fire can spread faster than you think and can destroy a tent in less than 60 seconds. Fire safety doesn't stop when you leave the house.

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### Water Safety

Make sure your children are aware of the dangers of swimming in ponds and rivers. The temperature of inland water does not vary much throughout the year. The water in Britain is still very cold in the spring and summer; people can quickly become affected by the cold, putting themselves into difficulties. Swimming should always be confined to a supervised pool with life guards.

### Road Safety

The age group most 'at risk' of being involved in an accident are children aged between 5 – 14 years of age, with the highest casualty rates occurring with children aged 12. As a minimum please ensure your children know how to cross the road safely, have taken a cycling proficiency course and always wear a seat belt when travelling in a car. ALL cyclists should wear a properly fitted cycle helmet.

### Rail Safety

Network Rail are asking parents to help them explain and make clear the dangers of trespassing on the railway to their children, and to help them keep their children safe, by asking them to stay away from the tracks, especially during the lighter evenings and school holidays.

The railway is extremely dangerous and along with other hazards such as electrification of the lines it poses potentially fatal consequences to anyone who trespasses. Apart from being very dangerous, it is illegal to trespass on the railway track.

If you are concerned about any young person in respect of their emotional wellbeing or you feel that they are vulnerable to harm or abuse and you are uncertain whether they are receiving support you may wish to contact one of the agencies listed. Many of the agencies have established links and will ensure that your concern or query is directed to the appropriate agency.

- Call Derbyshire (Derbyshire County Council Social Services) 01629 593 193
- Child Line 0800 1111
- Online issues or exploitation contact Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency (CEOP)  
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report/>
- Suspicion that a young person is at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation- contact Safe and Sound 01332 362120
- Advice, support and options if someone goes missing or runs away- 24 Hour Anonymous Helpline Text or Call 116 000
- Radicalisation/Extremist behaviour see advice on:

<http://www.derbyshire.police.uk/Safety-advice/Terrorism/Prevent-Team/Prevent-Team.aspx>

Or contact:

Police 101 (999 in an emergency)

Crimestoppers UK 0800 555 111

Wishing yourself and your child(ren) a safe and happy summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours sincerely,



Miss J Scattergood  
Deputy Headteacher

## SNAPCHAT GUIDANCE

Introducing 'Snap Maps' - the new location sharing feature in Snapchat

Snapchat have introduced a new feature, the 'Snap Map'.

This location based map allows users to see where in the country their Snapchat contacts are, as well as seeing location based photos and videos. The Snap Map shows a user's Bitmoji, their cartoon avatar within Snapchat, pinpointed on a world map. Users can then zoom into the map to see the exact location of their friends.

### **How to access Snap Maps**

To access the Snap Map in the latest update of the Snapchat app, users need to go to their camera screen within Snapchat and zoom out using two fingers. This will then launch the Snap Maps screen and will allow a user to see their friend's locations.

### **Choose who can see your location**

It is important to be careful about who you share your location with, as it can allow people to build up a picture of where you live, go to school and spend your time.

Given how specific this new feature is on Snapchat - giving your location to a precise pinpoint on a map - **we would encourage users not to share their location, especially with people they don't know in person.**

There are three settings for sharing your location on the map, these are; Ghost mode, My Friends, and Select Friends. But what do these settings mean?

- **Ghost Mode**

Ghost Mode means that you are the only person who can see your location on the map. Within Ghost Mode you can still see the locations of your friends but they will be unable to see you. This setting will ensure that you have complete control over who knows your location.

- **My Friends**

My Friends means that all of your contacts on Snapchat can see your location. If turning on this setting then it would be important for users to review their Snapchat contacts and also make sure that they never add someone they don't know in person onto Snapchat.

- **Select Friends**

This setting allows users to look through their friend list and then decide which of their friends they want to be able to view their location. This setting gives users the opportunity to control who can view their location.

### **Changing settings**

When first opening the Snap Map users get to make a decision of who they want to be able to view their location. Once these settings are in place they can always be changed in Snapchat's settings.

This can be done in two ways:

1. In the Snapchat settings

In the Snapchat screen click on the Settings (cog) icon > click on 'see my location' >

Choose the setting which suits you

2. On the Snap Map

Click on the setting button in the top right of the map > choose the setting which suits you.