

E-Safety



This week in our Cyber safety article we focus on the very popular WhatsApp. Teenagers use this messaging app to send text, images, audio and video messages to their contacts. What should be noted by parents is that you now have to be over 16 to use the app legally. Whilst the app offers a convenient way of socialising with their peers, as with any online messaging service parents should be aware of potential cyber bullying or stranger contact risks. The app also makes use of location services which shows other users your location. The full parent guide for WhatsApp can be found [here](#).

Our previous article on the recently released app Yolo has raised interest amongst parents. This app works in combination with Snapchat (age rating 13+). Because the app facilitates anonymous messaging this can be easily misused to send abusive and upsetting comments. More information on this particular app, including the dangers can be found [here](#).



For a comprehensive guide to popular teenage apps [click here](#).

It should be noted that our ICT policy states that mobile devices should not be turned on during the school day (8.30-3.00pm). Students are allowed access to our WiFi which blocks all social media sites.