E safety Update

Blackpool Aspire Academy

"ooVoo"

We have been passed information by Merseyside schools and Merseyside Police Cyber Interventions Unit about an app called ooVoo. It has at times been used as vehicle to groom young people.

We are not trying to alarm you just flag up that this app has been used for criminal activities. However, if your son or daughter uses it this does not mean that they have been the victim of a crime but that some users are using it for this purpose.

We thought this information would be useful also if you have other children who could potentially come across this app.

Here is the ooVoo logo

The fake 'disappearing game' that's scaring parents

It's sparked frightening headlines and warnings from police departments around the world - but there's no evidence that a social media "game" that encourages children to disappear is anything other than **a rumour that's got out of hand.** "Game of 72" - a social media challenge where kids are allegedly told to disappear for 72 hours by their friends. The story was picked up by news outlets all over the World and a Facebook post - later taken down or deleted - warned parents.

For a game that is supposedly catching on all over the World, there is scant chatter on social media and is thought to be a hoax.

Link: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-trending-32706696

For more information about e safety :

- **go to http://www.blackpoolaspireacademy.co.uk**
- **come into school and talk to a member of Student Services**

How to report abuse on Twitter   **July 2015**

You can report directly from an individual Tweet or profile for certain violations, including: spam, abusive or harmful content, inappropriate ads, self-harm and impersonation.

How to report profiles for violations:

1. Open the profile you'd like to report.

2. Select the **gear icon** [icon] (on web or Twitter for iOS) or tap the **overflow icon** [icon] (on Twitter for Android).

3. Select **Report** and then select the type of issue you'd like to report.

4. If you select **They're being abusive or harmful**, we'll ask you to provide additional information about the issue you're reporting.

-   Once you've submitted your report, we'll provide recommendations for additional actions you can take to improve your Twitter experience.

Snapchat - What to do about harassment or unwanted snaps

Block the user. To block someone from sending you snaps, tap the Menu button, then My Friends. When you find the person's name in your friends list (or under "Recent" if you haven't added them), swipe right across their name on Apple devices or, on Android phones, press and hold on the person's name, then press Edit and then Block—or just Delete if you want them off your list. And because there is no mass sharing, no one will see your content unless you choose to send it to them.

Link: http://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/snapchat_guide.pdf

What tools are there to help me keep my child safe?

The internet has changed all of our lives, and your child has grown up during this change. Many of the things that confuse, baffle or even scare us, are part of the everyday for them. For many of us, this can all be a bit too much.

Whether you're a technophobe or a technophile, it's still likely that you'll be playing catch-up with the way your child is using the internet.

You might wonder whether what they are doing is safe, and you might also be thinking *how can I be as good a parent online as I am offline?*

Thinkuknow website has all the information for a parent/carer to help their child stay safe on line.

Link: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

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