

# ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER September 2017

Welcome to our first monthly Online Safety Newsletter for the 2017 school year. We'll use it to provide families with up-to-date information about the fast-moving area of e-safety. September is always e-safety month in school so we've copied the SMART rules we use in class onto the back of this newsletter for you to share at home. We also have some useful links on our website. Visit [www.ursulineprimary.co.uk](http://www.ursulineprimary.co.uk) and click *Learn Online* to find them. As always, feel free to contact us in school if you need any support.

## Snapchat Location – Snap Map

Snapchat have introduced a new feature – **Snap Map** which allows users to share their location with other Snapchat users. Parents can turn the feature off on children's phones by setting the app to ghost mode. It is important to be careful about who you share your location with, as it can allow people to find out where you live, go to school etc. 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.



### Choose who can see your location

We would advise people not to share their location, especially with people they don't know. There are three settings for sharing your location:

- **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.
- **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.

## Icebreaker email series

*Become an expert in your child's online world*

O2 are working with the NSPCC to help all children and their families stay safe online. They've produced a series of weekly emails offering useful tools, support and guidance to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about their online lives. Sign up here: <https://nspcc.o2.co.uk/>

## Do you know the online safety lingo?

**Phishing** is the attempt to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details (and, indirectly, money), often for malicious reasons, by disguising as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.

**Roasting:** Girls are ganging up on boys in a new cyberbullying craze called "roasting." The new bullying takes place via mobile apps such as WhatsApp, Instagram or Facebook where girls pick on a boy and vent the most offensive abuse until the victim "completely cracks".

## Acronyms

**POS:** Parents over shoulder

**IHU:** Stands for "I hate you"

**KOTL:** Kiss on the lips



# Be smart on the internet



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**S**

**SAFE**

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.



**M**

**MEETING**

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.



**A**

**ACCEPTING**

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



**R**

**RELIABLE**

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.



**T**

**TELL**

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

**THINK  
U  
KNOW**

You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)



[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

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Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

