



## e-Safety is everyone's business

Staying safe on the internet is something we take very seriously as a school and we spend time in lessons and through assemblies helping our students understand how to use the internet safely, particularly social media sites.

We have recently dealt with a situation where an inappropriately named social media account was created. The creator of this account then tried to follow a number of our students. We have spoken to all of the students concerned and I am pleased to say that they were all disgusted by the name of the account and have blocked it and reported it which will result in the account being removed. This account contained no inappropriate images but that does not detract from the fact that the use of social media for anything other than sensible communication between friends is not acceptable. Setting up such accounts also has a detrimental effect on the reputation of The Lakes School.

## Working together on e-Safety

We all have a responsibility to safeguard the well-being of young people and we can do this by continuing to work closely together: students, parents, The Lakes School and the community. Please contact us if you have any concerns about social media activity that you feel is inappropriate.

## Our new website and e-Safety information

I hope you have had time to look at our new website which I am sure you will agree has improved the way in which we communicate key information about The Lakes School. In the 'caring' menu there is a section entitled e-Safety which contains important information for parents and students about how to stay safe on the internet.

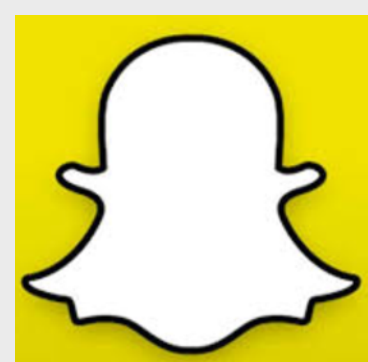
The two films are particularly useful in identifying some of the issues with making your social media profile public and how your online presence can influence your career opportunities. You might also like to study the materials at <http://ceop.police.uk/> for more information about staying safe online.

## Huge praise for our students

It really has been heartening to see that a number of our students have blocked and reported this account and they clearly understand what is and is not acceptable. Vigilant students with a desire to take such positive action help to make The Lakes School such a caring place to be.

*Andy Cunningham, Headteacher*

## Does your child use...



...or one of many other social media accounts?



Excellence through a caring, learning community