

E-SAFETY UPDATE – October 2014

For those families who were new to our school at the start of this term, you may be interested to know that in each copy of the High Flyer we draw your attention to at least one aspect of e-safety.

This month we are focussing on the issue of cyber bullying and the press coverage of 'snapchat hack'.

Jane Commins is the school's Police Liaison Officer and she regularly comes into school to talk to our students about issues concerning e-safety.

This month Cheshire East Council are engaging with young people to try to get a better understanding of how cyber bullying affects them. They are asking young people aged between 12 and 17 years to take part in a survey which is entirely voluntarily and completely anonymous.

The survey which closes on 9th November 2014 can be accessed by going to:

<http://www.surveygizmo.co.uk/s3/1805761/Cheshire-East-Cyber-Bullying>

If a student feels that they are being affected by cyber bullying, they can access information via the following link:

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/children_and_families/family_information_service/helpful_information/bullying/are_you_being_bullied.aspx

Through our contact with 'ThinkUKnow' we have recently received information about the press coverage reporting the upload of a large number of stolen 'Snapchat' photos to the internet.

These images have apparently been taken from a third party site 'SnapSaved.com' which appears to have been hacked. 'SnapSaved.com' enables users to save Snapchat pictures rather than see them disappear but in doing so saves the images on its own servers. Press reports state that it is images from this database which have been uploaded and made available via the 4Chan discussion boards. From the press reports it would appear that:

- It is unlikely the images are linked to usernames so it would be hard to locate a photo of an individual.
- There is no additional personal information associated with images.
- Most of the images are not sexual.

If any young people are concerned they can:

- Talk to a counsellor at ChildLine on **0800 111** or at www.childline.org.uk. ChildLine will also work with the [Internet Watch Foundation](http://www.internetwatchfoundation.org) to notify sites hosting images to have them removed.
- If young people are being harassed, threatened or blackmailed because of a sexual image they can report to us at CEOP via the CEOP report form at www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre.
- If images end up on a site they can often report to the sites where they have been shared. Find out how to report to some popular sites in the 'Help' sections of our [Thinkuknow for 11-13s](#) & [Thinkuknow for 14+](#) sites.