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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent

A report published by the Children's Commissioner last year suggested that children who used social media under the age of 13 had increased anxiety over chasing popularity and 'likes' and unattainable lifestyles. Older children drew unprompted parallels between social media and mental health issues. Despite all the warnings the number of younger children who are drawn onto social media is alarming. Do you know what social media your child is using?

We remain greatly concerned by the number of children using Snapchat and Instagram. The Children's Commissioner have produced an edited version of the terms and conditions for Snapchat and Instagram (links below) which I have attached to this newsletter.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Snapchat-Simplified-T-Cs.pdf>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Childrens-Commissioners-Simplified-Social-Media-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf>

To be clear children must be 13 or over to use Snapchat or Instagram. This is due to data protection and, for example, in return for letting your child use Snapchat they can:

- Automatically download updates to your phone
- Use your content to learn about you and improve our service
- Broadcast, publicly display and sell on any content you posted on Live or Local snapchat. This means we can use your name, face and voice in any way we like, for free.
- Collect and keep: your username, password, email address, phone number, date of birth, and in some circumstances your real name, profile picture and credit or debit card number; and any information you give us when you contact Snapchat about anything.

In addition Snapchat will collect the following information:

- Pages you view including those you view before and after using Snapchat
- When you click on adverts and what adverts they are
- Where you are
- Photos on your phone
- All your contacts in your phonebook, unless you tell us not to



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There are some excellent sites that provide information and advice for parents and carers about supporting their children with online safety. These are listed below:

**Internet Matters** – <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

A not-for-profit organisation set up to empower parents and carers to keep children safe in the digital world. Their support for parents includes a range of downloadable guides covering subjects such as transition to secondary school, Vlogging & livestreaming, online gaming and cyberbullying.

**NSPCC** – <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Includes a range of resources to help parents keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more.

**Parent Info** – <https://parentinfo.org/>

From CEOP and Parent Zone, Parent Info is a website for parents covering all of the issues amplified by the internet. It is a free service which helps schools engage parents with expert safety advice, endorsed by the National Crime Agency's CEOP command. This website provides expert information across a range of online harms.

**Parent Zone** – <https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

Offers a range of resources for families, to help them meet the challenges of the digital age, including parent guides on the latest digital trends and platforms.

Social media used in the right way can be a powerful tool but used in the wrong way it can be damaging to mental health and wellbeing. We all have a responsibility to ensure the safety of children both online and offline and we hope that you can support us with this.

I hope you have a very happy and restful summer holiday.

**Mr S Jackson**  
**Head teacher**

### **Staffing**

We say farewell to the following members of staff who are retiring at the end of this term. I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the pupils and the school:

Mark Crossley	Maths Teacher
Judith Johnson	RPE Teacher
David Pratt	Physics Teacher
Carol Bunting	Cover Supervisor

The following staff will be on maternity leave:

Jemma Grills	Head of Learning Support
Hollie Green	English Teacher



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We welcome the following staff in the autumn term:

Helen Laidlow	Physics Teacher
Hanora Habberjam	RPE Teacher
Pippa Robinson	Maths Teacher
Emma Watkins	German/French Teacher
Alicia Grainger	PE Teacher
David Habberjam	English Teacher
Richard Cox	Head of Learning Support (maternity leave cover)
Ellie Winter	Teaching Assistant
Marion Ward	Teaching Assistant
Sarah Brack	Teaching Assistant
Sarah Moore	Teaching Assistant
John Myatt	Teaching Assistant
Rebecca Furness	Teaching Assistant

### **Exam Results (from Sixth Form Centre, lower ground floor)**

A-level results will be available to collect from the Sixth Form Centre on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7.45am.  
GCSE results will be available to collect from school (Queen's Hall) on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 9.00am.

### **Exam Dates**

English & Maths GCSE re-sits	4 November – 13 November
Year 11 PPE's	Monday 25 November – Friday 6 December
Year 13 PPE's	Monday 10 February - Friday 14 February
Year 12 PPE's	Monday 2 March - Friday 6 March
Year 10 PPE's	Tuesday 4 May – Thursday 7 May
Year 12 PPE's	Monday 22 June - Friday 26 June

The summer exams (GCSE and A Level) run from Monday 11 May – Tuesday 22 June 2019. The contingency day is Wednesday 24 June.

**Please encourage your son/daughter to prepare for their exams in the preceding weeks.**

### **Term Dates**

Term dates for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 are now available on the school website.

### **Start of term**

School re-opens for Year 7 and Year 12 pupils on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September.  
All pupils will be back in school on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Uniform**

Girls' shoes should be sensible and offer appropriate protection to the foot; they **must have some form of tread or grip on the sole** and should be either flat or a heel no more than 3cm. They should be black and leather or "leather look" i.e. synthetic. They **must not be made of canvas or be any sort of trainer or plimsoll.**



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Boys' shoes should be black polished (capable of taking polish; some are "self-polishing"; not suede or canvas). Shoes should not have trainer style stripes or markings down the side or have any sports tags anywhere on them. They should have a conventional sole and not a trainer type sole.

I would like to remind you that the guidelines on school uniform are very clear, especially regarding trousers for girls. These **must not** be a leggings/lycra (or similar) type material and should not be tightly fitted. Additionally they **must not** be made of a denim/jeans/cord type fabric and should not be cropped or ankle grazer length. Please check the school website for the full uniform list.

We fully appreciate that, on occasion, it is more difficult to purchase girls and boys grey trousers in the appropriate school style; although these are available at a variety of outlets including Temple Sports. However, with this in mind, the Governors have agreed to change the colour of trousers for all students to black from September 2019. This will mean that we will be able to achieve a more uniform approach as more tailored trousers are widely available from a range of outlets and at affordable prices. More specific details on this will be sent out in due course, however there will still be no leggings or similar, no tightly fitted, no denim or similar allowed and the style and length of these will be tailored and full length, as per the current regulations.

We hope that this will give you enough notice for the change in September 2019, however we would ask that you **do not** make these changes before this date and that you continue to support us with the current uniform regulations for the rest of this academic year. Heads of Year and other staff will continue to check that uniform is correct and will contact you should there be any issues with this.

The school will lend ties only in exceptional circumstances. If a pupil forgets to bring their tie they will be asked to pay for a new one. These cost £4.50.

Thank you, in advance, for your continued support with uniform.

### **Confidentiality and Data Protection: Privacy Notice**

Keswick School holds basic information on pupils in order to support teaching and learning. **Please let the School know if there have been any changes in contact details.** Parents have the right to be given access to personal data held on their children. A copy of the Privacy Notice is attached to the newsletter.

### **Biometric System**

The school uses biometric systems for food payments and site access. Parents are required to complete a biometric consent form to give students access to these facilities. If you have not completed a Biometric consent form please contact pupil reception. We encourage parents to top up lunch money for pupils using the online Parent Mail facility at: <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk>

If a pupil has no lunch money on their account they may, in an emergency, go to the Finance Office where £2.00 will be added.



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### Medical Update

If your child requires any essential prescribed medication please contact Mrs Fleming, the School Nurse, to discuss their specific needs.

### Mobile Phones

Pupils in Years 7-11 should **not** have mobile phones in school. If they do bring in mobile phones due to participating in an activity/event after school they should hand these into pupil reception for safekeeping. The school does not take any responsibility for the loss of such items if not lodged in pupil reception. Confiscated property, including mobile phones used by a pupil or that ring/make any noise during the school day, are held by the Head teacher's PA. These items are only returned to parents in person or to the pupil after one week so that they can be taken home.



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