

## Ramsey Grammar School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Safer Schools App

The 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November is SAFEGUARDING WEEK on the Isle of Man. Staff are able to attend webinars and complete face to face or online courses to greater equip them to spot and deal with the vast array of safeguarding concerns our young people may face.

Students will have a presentation during form time which reinforces ways they can keep themselves and others safe. We are trying to encourage students to speak openly with home about their online life as well as school life. Statistics show that a large number of our young people have seen, been sent or shared images or content which is not age appropriate. Having these conversations can be difficult, however 9 out of 10 young people own a smartphone by the age of 11 and so we need to know they are using these appropriately, are safe, and not seeing content which impacts their mental health.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE and so we are using this week to try and engage more parents and carers with the new Safer Schools app. This app is island wide, with Safer Schools being a credible and safe information platform used throughout schools in the UK. The app gives our Ramsey Grammar community up to date, safe and reliable information around topics and issues relevant to our young people. There are articles on how to talk with your child about their online life, apps to be aware of, age restrictions on apps, exam pressure, self-harm, healthy relationships, plus many more up to date articles to educate us all. There are lots of helpful short articles you can read in a few minutes which may prompt helpful conversations at home and keep our young people safe.

If you would like to download the app, please follow the easy steps below.

1- Download the safer schools isle of man app from your phone app store



- 2- Choose Parent/Carer and then add the school's name Ramsey Grammar School not RGS. If doing this with your child/children/young person, they choose student.
- 3- It will then ask for a code.
  Parent/Carer code = 5651
  Students in Yr 7-9 = 1426
  Students in Yr 10-11 = 7468
  Students in 6th Form = 4357
- 4- You should then be on the app and able to scroll through safe information. The school website, policies & calendar should also be visible, which maybe more helpful than having to go through your search bar.

Many thanks for joining us on the Safer Schools app. If you have difficulties accessing the app or registering, please get in touch with me at Josie.Corrin@sch.im

Kind regards

Josie Corrin, Safeguarding Lead