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Dear Parents and Carers

You will already be aware of our desire to work with parents and carers to make children safer and, to that end, help you plant seeds in young minds that positively influence your children as they grow. We are delighted to invite you to download our new, totally free, 'Safer Schools' App' developed by our school insurance provider Zurich Municipal, in partnership with the Ineqe Safeguarding Group. This app is full of the latest information on how to keep your children and yourselves safe online.

The App is completely free of charge and is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them both at school and at home. This app has been designed for students, parents and school staff to stay safe. By downloading this app, you and your children can receive tips and advice on how to keep safe online.

The App content includes age appropriate fun resources, easy to understand advice and signposting for parents and carers. Functions within the App provide access to the academy website, and the links to term dates, letters and the calendar (see the 'calendar' link) and news; there is also a facility in the app where reports of Safeguarding concerns can be made to the Academy.

The App content is maintained, updated and refreshed everyday by a team of safeguarding professionals. and provides access to an Online Safety Centre which covers how to block, report and set safety settings across each social media platform. Content is revised each time an app is updated, or a noteworthy app is created; in order to receive up-to-date tips, updates, advice and guidance on how to make your children safer, you may wish to ensure that you enable 'push' notifications.

You can find out more about the Safer Schools App by visiting, www.oursaferschools.co.uk and also by taking a look at the brief YouTube video from Former Chief of Police, Jim Gamble QPM, [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrSF5ZtDv4Q) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrSF5ZtDv4Q>)

We hope that you will find this to be a useful tool for you to help keep your children safer and that you will download the 'Safer Schools' app for free; you will find details of how to do this, along with the parental 'entry code' below.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries relating to the App.

Yours sincerely



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What is the 'Safer Schools' App?

The Safer Schools App is a **digital safeguarding communication and training toolkit**. It has been designed by safeguarding professionals to help make our entire school community safer online. **Scan the QR code to download the Safer Schools App for your device!** Alternatively, download straight from the App Store or Google Play by searching 'Safer Schools'.

Download the App

Download for **Apple/iOS** here:



Download for **Android** here:



THEN
Login to the App (once you have downloaded it):

Select **Ormiston Sudbury Academy** from the dropdown menu and click 'continue', then enter the **four digit login entry code for OSA parents 7675**

Or scan the following QR code from the 'homepage' of the app (which will log you in automatically)



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There is also a version of the app for students – and a copy of the letter of invitation for students may be accessed [here](https://bit.ly/3BZtMvf) (<https://bit.ly/3BZtMvf>)