



Hannover, 13.02.2026

Dear Parents of 3rd and 4th grade students,

In recent weeks, we have noticed that some students are spending a lot of time online in the afternoons and using apps that are not yet suitable for their age.

Currently, we are particularly concerned about the Snapchat app. Children are being invited to groups with older users. There have been instances of children being insulted, threatened, or confronted with sexual content. This is illegal and very distressing for children!

Snapchat is officially only permitted for users aged 13 and over. There are particular risks for elementary school children—especially if:

- Their location is visible,
- Their profile is public,
- or they are in contact with strangers.

Please talk to your child regularly about their internet use.

If your child uses Snapchat, please pay attention to the following settings:

- ✓ Turn off location services ("Ghost Mode")!
- ✓ Allow contact only with "friends"!
- ✓ Use the "Family Center" to keep track of contacts!
- ✓ Agree on clear rules about what may not be shared (no photos of the body, no personal data)!
- ✓ Set time limits together!

If your child has nevertheless seen disturbing content, talk to them about it extensively to help them process what they have seen.

You can also contact our school social workers at any time. Tel.: 0511 168 42295

By acting responsibly, you will help your child navigate the media landscape and have a peaceful start to the afternoon or night!