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Online Safety and Social Media Usage.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has come to our attention that children in Yr5 and Yr6 are using social media sites which have age restrictions over 13 and above. Some of this usage is becoming problematic.

Please can we remind all parents to closely monitor their child's use of all social media (this includes Whatsapp groups as well as apps such as Tik Tok, Snap Chat etc).

We deliver online safety teaching to all pupils at the start of every computing session as well as specific PSHE lessons regarding online safety and consent. During these lessons, children are taught that they **MUST** have consent to take a photograph of anyone and that they **MUST NOT** post or share photographs of others online.

Please help us by monitoring your child's phone or tablet and looking at the messages they are posting and receiving and also by reminding your child of the essential online safety messages that we deliver. The Weekly Newsletter provides parents with age appropriate examples of scenarios which we use in school with children.

Further information for parents can be found using the links below.

Thank you for your ongoing help and cooperation.

Kind regards,
Mrs K Dickson
Headteacher

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>