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Dear Parent / Carers of Year 6

This week, it has come to light that some of our Year 6 pupils have been using social media apps including: Snapchat (13+), Instagram (13+) and WhatsApp (13+). If children have access to **any** of these sites they are contravening the guidelines which have been set for a reason. Please find listed on the following page, applications and age restrictions for a variety of social media platforms; this is by no means a full list of apps available but they do appear to be amongst some of the most used.

During this week we have unfortunately uncovered incidents where pupils have used hate speech and sexualised language against others. We are *extremely* concerned about the use of **any** social media platforms, as not only do they allow the opportunity for cyber-bullying but also grooming, if not regulated.

As parents, it is **your** duty to fully regulate and monitor your child's access to appropriate websites including social media, too much valuable learning and management time has been spent dealing with such situations. Furthermore, allowing children to keep devices in their bedrooms overnight can have an adverse effect on their sleep patterns and severely affect their learning.

We urge you to speak to your child, check and remove any inappropriate applications / websites and set boundaries and rules around e-safety. May I suggest that you, on a weekly basis:

- Check your privacy settings on your computers / laptops/ tablets
- Encourage your child(ren) to talk to you about any concerns or worries
- Familiarise yourself with any games or websites that your child(ren) are using.

Your continued support is much appreciated in order to enable us to keep the children safe.

Yours sincerely

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Appt	Age Requirement
	13+
	Under 13 <i>(with parental guidance)</i>
	13+
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