







Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Year 6 Families,

Re: Inappropriate Social Media Use

I wanted to write to you to remind you of the importance of carefully monitoring your child's use of mobile devices. This week, staff at school are dealing with incidents of inappropriate online behaviour which have occurred outside of school. These incidents have caused distress which has then affected children's learning in class. Many of the apps children are using have an age restriction of **13+** as they contain user-generated content, which may include inappropriate content, like swearing and graphic language and images.

This is why at school, the internet does not allow anyone to access social media accounts. Please find below a list of popular apps, with the legal age restrictions for each.

Social Media App	Age Restriction
 SNAPCHAT	The platform has a minimum age restriction of 13+
 DISCORD	The platform has a minimum age restriction of 13+ (although it does not verify users' age upon sign-up)
 twitter	The platform has a minimum age restriction of 13+
 TikTok	The platform has a minimum age restriction of 13+
 WhatsApp	The platform has a minimum age restriction of 16+
 Instagram	The platform has a minimum age restriction of 13+

On Tuesday 19th September, there was a KS2 assembly where the children learnt and discussed online safety. Throughout the school year, online learning and behaviours are built into all curriculum lessons and through year group specific and school-wide approaches. In February 2024, we will be celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2023** with learning based around taking three simple actions when approaching online safety: Connect. Reflect. Protect. Connect safely by keeping apps and devices secure and reviewing your privacy settings regularly.

During out of school hours, we ask that you take time to speak with the children at home, look at their devices and delete accounts on Discord, Instagram, TikTok, SnapChat, Twitter and any other social media apps that are inappropriate for their age. If you would like further information on the dangers of appropriate app use, the Safer Internet Centre has excellent advice [here](#).



Kind regards,

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