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RESPONSIBLE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to you as we are dealing with an increasing amount of issues arising in school as a result of pupils' irresponsible use of various social media platforms outside of school. These are already having a significant impact on learning, behaviour and wellbeing in school.

We do everything we can in school to educate pupils on the responsible use of social media, and in school they show an understanding of how to behave and speak to others online or in chats. They also understand that police can become involved in cases of irresponsible use of these platforms. However, despite this, we have been truly shocked to hear reports of the foul, vicious and aggressive language and behaviours that have been reported to us.

Please can I ask parents and carers to carefully consider if your child is responsible and mature enough to be accessing these platforms. The minimum age to open an account on nearly every social media platform: TikTok, Instagram, Twitter, Youtube, Snapchat, Facebook, and others— is 13.

If you are permitting your child to use any of the above, please can I urge you to ensure that you are regularly monitoring the messages they send and their behaviour on these platforms, as is your parental responsibility.

It is simply not possible for staff in school to deal with issues that have arisen outside of school, and so requests for children to move places in class etc cannot be accommodated.

Thankyou in advance for your understanding and support in this manner.

Kind regards,

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