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CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the course of the year we have become increasingly aware that some children in Years 5 and 6 are using social messaging apps such as 'WhatsApp', 'Snapchat' and 'TikTok' even though the minimum age to use these services is 13 years old according to their sites' terms and conditions. We feel that the use of these by children in Years 5 and 6 has potential E-safety implications for them.

Our school is committed to safe and responsible use of technology, and as such, feel that it is our responsibility to raise this as a concern. This follows discussions that we have had with the children as part of Safer internet Day, when we talked about how the children were using the Internet and what they are doing to keep themselves safe online.

Social media and communication devices are not used in school, and our Internet access is filtered so that such sites are blocked. Outside of school hours, parents are responsible for what children access and how they interact online, and we would strongly recommend that you discuss with your child what they are using and monitor their online activity.

E-safety is an important part of the school's computing curriculum, and you can see the kinds of activities the children take part in on the "Computing" section of the school's website.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your children to use their technology safely and responsibly. If you would like more information on age limits for apps, the following link has an easy-to-follow guide:

<https://safesmartsocial.com/app-guide-parents-teachers/>

Kind regards,

Mr Godwin

Mr Styles

Mr Boyle

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