

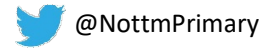


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Dear Parents/Carers,

Social Media and Online Safety

A considerable amount of curriculum and school time is dedicated to educating children about online safety and how they can keep themselves safe in a virtual environment.

Unfortunately, in recent years we have seen an increase in online/E-Safety incidents involving pupils, which often happen outside of school but which we are alerted to. The scale and seriousness of these incidents have become concerning, prompting the school to consider what more we can do to prevent these incidents from happening. As a result, we will be working with some external agencies to provide additional workshops to pupils. We will also continue to work with pupils offering mentoring and individual support where appropriate.

We would also like to remind parents about actions that you can take in order to keep your children safe online.

Key actions for parents:

- Set up parental controls on your children's devices (phones, tablets etc)
- Regularly check your children's devices
- Establish rules for the use of devices and be consistent with them (i.e no tech after 7pm)
- Be aware of the age guidelines for social media apps

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019

Whilst we respect every parent's right to make decisions about how to raise their children, we want to ensure that we are supporting you and providing information so that you can make informed decisions.

Additional information can be found using these links:

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

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

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

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/>

As a school, we would be grateful if you could continue to supervise and actively monitor your children's use of social media and apps, with a view to protecting, educating and ultimately reducing the likelihood of inappropriate and harmful online incidents occurring.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J French
Principal

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