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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Computing and PSHE curriculum we teach children how to stay safe online and form safe positive relationships. However, it has been brought to our attention that some children in Year 5 and 6 are using a number of social media platforms inappropriately. Although we recognise how important communication between friends has become over lockdown, we are concerned that some children do not understand the potential harm that can be done when these platforms are used inappropriately. All of the social media platforms being used have clear age restrictions: children must be at least 12 years old to use **any** of these platforms, with some such as WHATS APP having a minimum age requirement of 16.

We are asking our parents to support school in keeping your children safe and happy online by:

- talking to your child about their social media use
- ensuring your child's electronic devices have parental controls enabled
- ensuring that your child only accesses age appropriate content – including social media platforms
- monitoring your child's online social interactions on games consoles, such as Xbox
- ensuring your child understands how to develop positive safe relationships online.

To help support any discussion with your children, we have attached some information from the National online safety website of some of the popular social media platforms.

Thank you for your on-going support

Kind regards

Esther Logue & Emma Crowther