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## Letter to Parents/Carers of KS2 children

Dear Parent or Carer,

### Social Media

We are writing to advise you of a few concerns that we have regarding children's use of social media outside of school during evenings and weekends. We are becoming increasingly aware of incidents between pupils using social media to be unkind about each other over platforms such as WhatsApp, SnapChat and TikTok. We understand that this has included both sharing unkind comments about pupils and sharing unkind images or memes of the pupils. This is leading to some pupils being upset in school and teachers having to spend an increasing amount of time sorting out problems that have not occurred in school.

Most Social media apps are for pupils 13 years and over. If you do allow your child to access social media, we ask for your vigilance. What is right will vary from family to family but some strategies that are known to be successful include:

- Monitoring their phones for the apps that are downloaded
- Enacting parental controls on phones and consoles (e.g. Google Family Link)
- Reviewing the messages they send on platforms and apps – making monitoring part of a daily or weekly routine
- Setting expectations about what space (preferably communal) and times they have access to devices
- Encouraging them to share or discuss with you what they are doing.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

*Mr Blakeley*

Mr Blakeley – Head Teacher

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