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E-Safety Newsletter



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Dear Parent or Carer

The use of social media is something which allows children to contact friends and family giving them a degree of independence which is wonderful for them.

However, it is also a mechanism for potential abuse in a number of forms.

Over the last few weeks we have had to deal with incidents which occurred using social media and which although happened in the evenings/weekends still had an impact on learning.

The following are social media opportunities:

Facebook	Google+	Meetup
Twitter	Tumblr	Tagged
Instagram	VK	Ask.fm
LinkedIn	Flickr	Meetme
Pinterest	Vine	Classmates

(source eBizMBA - top 15 pop social networking sites)

According to other websites - there are many more.

In addition - MMS & text messages as well as Whats App, YouTube and Snapchat are all ways to communicate.



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What Can You Do?

1. Know where your children are using social networking - Tip - keep it in your living room where you are.
2. Know all your children's log on details.
3. LOG ON & CHECK
4. Talk to your children on how to deal with abuse - What do they do? Who do they contact?
5. If abuse appears - DON'T delete - take a screen shot - This could be used as evidence.
6. Contact the Police, CEOP etc. and make a complaint.
7. KEEP ON CHECKING - phones, laptops, Ipads etc.
8. Are you aware of age limits for using social media?
I have attached a sheet with minimum ages - courtesy of linneyville. You will note that none suggest using sites under 13.

If you can't get in then your children have stopped you - WHY?

Make sure you check - remember that you need to protect them - sometimes from themselves.

On PC's etc check their internet history to see which sites they are going to. Better still block some sites.

There are many examples of abuse through social media. We will do all we can in school but most of this falls to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Blakeley".

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