









Monday 21st October 2024

Dear Year 5 and 6 Families,

**Re: Inappropriate Social Media Use**

We wanted to inform you that staff at school are increasingly dealing with incidents of inappropriate online behaviour from pupils, which have occurred outside of school. These incidents have caused distress which has then affected children’s learning in class. Many of the apps children are using have an age restriction of **13+** as they contain user-generated content, which may include inappropriate content, like swearing and graphic language and images.

This is why at school, the internet does not allow anyone to access social media accounts. Please find below a list of popular apps, with the legal age restrictions for each.

Social Media App	Age Restriction
	The platform has a minimum age restriction of <b>13+</b>
	The platform has a minimum age restriction of <b>13+</b> (although it does not verify users’ age upon sign-up)
	The platform has a minimum age restriction of <b>13+</b>
	The platform has a minimum age restriction of <b>16+</b>
	The platform has a minimum age restriction of <b>13+</b>
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To prevent these distressing incidents from continuing, we ask that you take time to speak with your children at home, look at their devices and delete accounts on SnapChat, Instagram, TikTok and any other social media apps that are inappropriate for their age. If you would like further information on the dangers of inappropriate app use, the Safer Internet Centre has excellent advice [here](#).



If you have any questions or concerns about this important issue, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MTrahair". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Matt Trahair  
Headteacher