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Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

Social Media and Online Bullying

It has come to our attention that many of our year 6 children are using social media to communicate online. Several children have complained about receiving negative, rude and distressing messages and photos via sites such as WhatsApp and TicTok.

These have caused trouble between the children in school and a number of complaints of bullying have been received by us from children and parents, which we have had to investigate. Children are being distracted from their work and becoming afraid to face their peers in school – this is clearly unacceptable.

Our advice is that primary school children should not be using these apps. They are not intended for children of their age and they are clearly finding it difficult to manage their interactions without adult support. The legal age limit for WhatsApp and TicTok is 16, and that of other apps such as FaceBook and Instagram is 13. Children are also at risk from online groomers by using social media unsupported.

If you do allow your child to use social media, you need to ensure you monitor them very closely. Tell your children to leave chats they find difficult and report their concerns to you or to a member of staff at school.

For further advice about how to support your child online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets>

If you have any questions about this, please contact me via the school office.

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