



Whitehill Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

When I joined the school three academic years ago coming from a secondary school setting, I found it refreshing that I did not have to deal with issues that were related to the inappropriate use of social media. This year it has become apparent that the current year 6 cohort has far more access to social media, for example Facebook, SnapChat, WhatsApp and Instagram. With this access, we have had an exponential increase in bullying that has occurred online.

As a school, we are trying our best to educate the children about the inappropriate use of social media but this is clearly not getting through. Can I remind parents that in order to use many of the popular social media sites, a child should be over the age of 13. The age limit is to protect children from being in receipt of inappropriate content and to prevent them being contacted by adults or other young people that could potentially cause physical or emotional harm.

Can I recommend a number of websites that can help you as parents support your children in this digital age:

<https://ceop.police.uk>

www.childnet.com

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

We are planning a Parent Workshop in Term 5 to help parents work alongside their children with regards to safe use of the internet and social media.

Recently, we have sent home the digital parenting magazine. We hope you have had a chance to look through it.

Yours sincerely

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