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Social media platforms

Dear parent/carer,

As you may already be aware, in school, we teach internet safety as part of our curriculum. We teach this as scheduled lessons, which take place throughout the school year and in response to any incidents which may occur, such as news stories, which may affect our pupils. It is, in fact, Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 9th February and, as a school, throughout the week, we will be covering issues related to safe use of the internet.

We understand that there are many benefits to the internet such as the opportunity to learn, play games and connect with others. However, we ensure that the children are informed of risks and how to keep themselves safe online; we also have a duty to ensure that our parents are informed of online safety matters in order that you are more able to access advice, guidance and support to keep your children safe in the online world outside of school.

As a parent myself, I see the part that technology plays in our children's lives and how, particularly in the current situation, technology is sometimes the only way in which they can keep in touch with friends and loved ones. Outside of school, technology provides a way to continue conversations with friends or to play with them online. However, I am also aware of the demands placed on parents/carers by children who only want to keep up with friends and the latest trends; it can be a challenge to keep up-to-date with what is suitable for children with regards to age restrictions and risks. With this in mind, I have gathered some important information regarding age restrictions on a range of social media platforms and advice on how to deal with a range of internet-related issues. Please do take the time to look through this information; we know children will access the internet, though they must do so safely, under adult supervision and guidance.

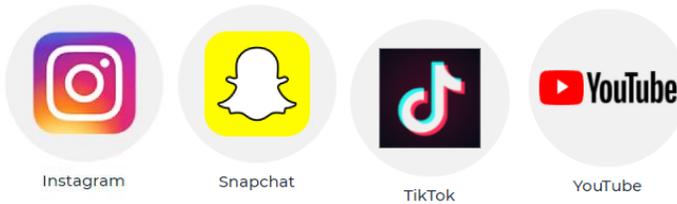


<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/> Guidance regarding age restrictions; at the bottom of the page, there are links to articles for specific platforms such as Snapchat and Instagram.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/media/3687/online-safety-updated-feb-2020.pdf> Guidance from Young Minds regarding a range of issues linked to internet safety, as well as advice on how to discuss issues with your child.

Below, is 'minimum age' information for some of the platforms discussed by our children in Year 6. This states the minimum age requirement to have an account with these social media platforms:

13 years +



Support regarding internet safety can also be found on our school website via *Parents > Internet Safety*. You can also speak to a member of staff should you have any questions or concerns.

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Catherine Leighton
Designated Safeguarding Lead

