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Dear Parents and Carers

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

It has been brought to our attention that there have been instances of inappropriate chat and unsafe behaviour on social media involving some of our P7 pupils. This has included accepting people as friends who they don't know, conversations that border on cyber bullying and or sexist behaviour, and searches for members of staff on social media.

The children all participate in lessons on cyber safety and cyber bullying and are reminded of keeping safe online on a regular basis in school. However, we cannot police the content of mobile phones and electronic devices. Please be aware that age limits on social media are there to protect young children from being bombarded with inappropriate advertising and being exposed to links to over 18 websites. We know that some of our children are being exposed to this and that they have been distressed by some of the images they have seen.

We want your children to be safe online. Could I urge you to be vigilant with your child and check security and privacy settings on their electronic devices and the sites they are accessing. If you are unsure or need some support the following links may be useful.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<http://respectme.org.uk/page-3/page-4/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Liz Laird
Headteacher