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Dear Parents/Carers

Social media and the use of the internet is a part of today's society. It has so many pluses, that you as adults probably recognise, but can also bring some negatives with it. An increasing number of issues are being brought into school as a result of pupils having access to social media sites such as: Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, Musical.ly and Instagram etc. Some of the issues have involved other students from our school, but they are being escalated on social media, making it much more difficult for the young person to resolve it. As a community we are working hard with our young people to address the issues that are brought to our attention.

However, we would like to remind parents that the use of social media by our students very often goes on outside of school and that you are best placed in the control and monitoring of its use. As a school we feel that it is important to highlight to you that the use of social media could be affecting the safety, general well-being of your child, as well as their learning and friendships. With that in mind, we are looking to improve the information on our website around social media education.

The minimum age for most social media sites is 13 years old, and therefore many children at our school should not be using these. If your child is using them underage then potentially this could be a safeguarding issue, particularly if it is damaging to their health, well-being or safety. For further clarification on age restrictions, please see below:



If you have any concerns about your child's use of social media or are unsure of something yourself, please feel free to contact Mrs Higgins (IT coordinator) on her email: ahiggins@st-egwins.worcs.sch.uk

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