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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been brought to my attention, on a number of occasions recently, that some of our children are engaging in the use of social media sites, in particular Tik Tok, Roblox and SnapChat. Although many of our children use these sites responsibly and under parental guidance and support, I have also been made aware that some children have recently been using the sites to send hurtful and upsetting messages or posting material with the aim of causing upset to others. This is not acceptable and I ask for your support in preventing this.

I am asking parents to closely monitor their children's use of devices that access the internet. As a school, we would strongly advise that children should not be allowed to access social media sites. I would like to draw your attention to the information below which has been previously shared. Many sites have inbuilt functionality to enable you to monitor and control your child's use of apps such as 'family pairing' on Tik Tok which enables the parent to control settings from their own phone.

The vast majority of social media groups, such as Snapchat, Roblox, Tik Tok, Instagram and Whatapp have a user agreement with an age limit of at least 12 if not 16 years of age. Bearing this in mind, children of primary school age should not be accessing and using these sites.

We have a number of fact sheets for parents, on our school website, to support you in keeping your children safe online.

<http://www.johnharroxprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Social+Media+Fact+Sheets&pid=1007>

Please do read these fact sheets and keep a close vigilant eye on your child's use of technology. These sites are very accessible to children through a wide range of devices.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping children safe online.

Yours sincerely

Mr. D Pilsworth
Head Teacher

