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Re: Use of Social Networking Sites

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be fully aware, the internet has become a powerful tool to connect and to share ideas and opinions. In recent years, social networking sites such as Facebook have grown in popularity and many people use them to communicate with family, friends and others.

The vast majority of people who use social networking show respect in their communication with others and this is something that we all want to encourage to show our children that we are positive 'digital role models.' However, as in other aspects of society, there are people who disregard the rules and will use social networking sites to cyberbully, harass or stalk others.

There have been a number of high-profile cases in the media where people have used the internet to intimidate and bully others. These have been investigated by the police and, in some instances, have led to criminal prosecutions.

As a school, we are very grateful to you as parents for the support that you show us throughout the year in terms of the education and wellbeing of your children. If at any time, you feel that you have any issues regarding your child's education, you are always welcome to make an appointment with either your child's class teacher, or a member of the Senior Leadership team, including myself.

As a community, we should all frown upon the use of social networking sites by anyone to criticise and make unsubstantiated comments about the school or any members of staff. These comments can be very hurtful and damaging and could, in extreme circumstances, potentially result in legal action.

We know that you as parents take online safety seriously, and that you are keen to act as positive role models to your children, as was demonstrated by the high turnout at the internet safety presentation from The Two Johns last July. We thank you for your support, which enables us to continue to work together to provide the best possible opportunities for our children.

With kind regards,

Clare Woodward
Headteacher

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