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Dear Parents,

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been hearing several reports that a number of our year 6 children are mis-using social networking and other media. I have also been made aware that there has been some very unpleasant behaviour and communications between individuals and groups of children, which, as a result, is negatively impacting children during school time.

A current 'craze' between the children is to text and/or send nasty messages on a picture and get others to send it on and share it. We are also hearing reports of children being up late at night on their phones. We are noticing a number of children yawning and being very tired during the day. Please ensure your child does not have their phone in their bedroom with them at night as you cannot monitor what they are doing or receiving.

Please could you check your child's use of social media and have a conversation with your children about the appropriate use of Social networking sites, the internet and proper use of their phone. The following website details information about age restrictions and the content of popular social media apps: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms
What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Under 13	13+	16+	17+
 Roblox	 Twitter	 TikTok	 WhatsApp
 PopJam	 Facebook and Messenger	 Skype	 Telegram Messenger
 FaceTime	 Viber	 Google Hangouts	 Tumblr
	 WeChat	 Reddit	
	 Monkey	 Snapchat	
	 Yubo	 Pinterest	
	 Dubsmash		 Line
	 Instagram		 Sarahah
			 Tellynrm

sourced from RESPECT website October 19

We have already told Year 6 that our advice to parents is to report any inappropriate or unkind social media behaviour to the police.

I do realise that not all the children in 6 are online or behave in this way; however, we feel it is an important message for us all to support your child in behaving properly and appropriately within increasing social media/technological world.

I thank you for your support in this.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Moore
Year 6 Team Leader