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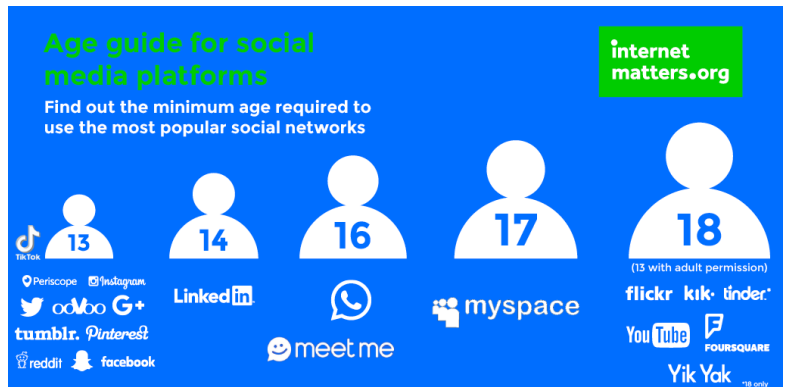
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Dear Parents/carers

Over the past couple of weeks, we 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, communications and language between individuals and groups of children, which, as a result, is negatively impacting children during school time.

We have received many reports of obscene language and nasty messages between groups of pupils. We are also hearing of children being up late at night on their phones, sending and receiving messages. Please be vigilant and monitor their phone use and ensure your child does not have their phone in their bedroom with them at night.

Please could you check your child's use of social media and have a conversation with them 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/>



We have had assemblies on cyber bullying, lessons on internet safety and discussed the responsible use of technology. 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. Therefore, we ask that you support us in discussing this with your child.

I thank you for your support in this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Moore
Year 6 Leader