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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Numerous incidents involving social media misuse outside of school have been brought to our attention in school recently. Negative comments to and about other pupils by pupils on a variety of different platforms online.

As part of Digital Learning with Miss Pattie pupils are looking at and discussing internet safety. Do you know all the platforms your child is signed up to? Are you aware of their privacy settings?

It appears that some pupils have very public online access and have a high volume of personal information about themselves on the internet.

Half of the P6/7 class have a TikTok account and almost all are open to the public fully.

Half of the P6/7 class have a Snapchat account.

All have an online gaming account.

Half have a YouTube account.

One third of P4/5 class have a Snapchat account.

One third of the P4/5 class have a TikTok account.

Over half the class have an online gaming account.

One third of the class have a YouTube account.

Put in a search for your child and see what comes up.

P6/7 pupils have been working with Mrs McNay on the Rights and Responsibilities of the Child. As part of this work the class have been discussing THINK: True Helpful Inspiring Necessary Kind

The impact of our words and thinking before we speak. This is so important when putting content online too.

When the NSPCC talked to pupils, they reminded them to hit the report buttons on the social media platforms to let the companies know about unacceptable online behaviour. The local Community Police Officer can also be contacted to support and give advice. Pupils were advised never to ignore these behaviours as they rarely go away on their own.

I hope that some of this information will support discussions at home with your child as you work to keep them happy and safe online.

Kind Regards,

P Dale.