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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: YEAR 6 ONLINE SAFETY

Further to my letter dated 6th October 2023, it has again been brought to my attention that a minority of our Year 6 pupils are acting irresponsibly online outside of school. Can I remind parents and carers that the age-rating for TikTok is 13+ in the UK. This age-rating also applies to Snapchat. The age-rating for WhatsApp in the UK is currently 16+.

The NSPCC sets out excellent guidance in the article: [Is TikTok safe? | NSPCC](#)

I have again asked Mrs Shires to spend some time revisiting online safety with Year 6. I would ask you to also do the same with your child at home, and ensure that children are treating each other with respect at all times. You can find further information here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

Whilst we are working to educate pupils about the importance of respectful behaviour at all times, and appropriate online behaviour, we cannot regulate these activities when they occur outside of school hours. Please support us with this and monitor your child's mobile phone and online activity.

I also attach the PDF *What Parents and Carers need to know about TikTok*. Please spend some time reading the information to ensure you make an informed decision when allowing your child to access online content on their mobile device.

If you have any further concerns or queries, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs S Hamer

Headteacher

