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**Subject:** Social Media Use Over the Half Term – Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Half Term break, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some important guidance regarding children's use of social media, particularly **WhatsApp**, **Facetime** and **TikTok**.

Over this term, we have again dealt with several incidents where online conduct has been inappropriate or upsetting. Examples include adding unknown individuals to group chats and using language that causes distress. While we regularly teach children about safe and respectful online behaviour, it is vital that these messages are reinforced at home.

**What can you do?**

- **Check in regularly** with your child about who they are communicating with and how they are using social media.
- **Monitor group sizes** – large group calls or chats often lead to misunderstandings or behaviour that escalates quickly.
- **Encourage small, trusted groups** of friends for gaming or chatting, rather than large, open groups.
- **Remind them of purpose and respect** – social media should be used positively and never to upset others.

Please be aware that many apps and platforms used by children are designed for older age groups, which can make managing issues challenging. Working together, we can help ensure that children enjoy a safe and happy online experience.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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