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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Use of Social Media Sites and Apps

In the last few weeks we have had an increasing number of incidents reported where young people have been approached by unknown users on social media applications (mainly Snapchat and Instagram Chat).

This has on some occasions caused serious issues and left the young person and their family feeling upset and worried. All incidents were dealt with promptly and support and action were put in place immediately.

We have made efforts to increase awareness of potential risks of such applications and we are grateful for the support you have given us so far.

I need to remind you that social media sites and apps are constantly updated and new features are introduced which carry a potential risk unless the settings are all set to "Private". For example, Instagram now has a "chat/direct message" option. Unless your child's account is set as "Private" (you can do this within the settings), any user can send a private message to them.

If you have any issues or concerns please contact a member of the Pastoral Team in school.

We always deal with any concerns of this type quickly, discreetly and we see them as high priority as there are safeguarding implications.

I would to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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