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Dear Parents and Carers,

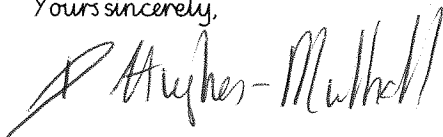
Following a series of serious incidents and an increase in inappropriate internet use, it is imperative to raise this particular issue as a growing concern. Although we cannot govern matters occurring out of school hours which is parental responsibility, we will take action (such as reporting under age profiles) if a problem comes to our attention that involves the safety or wellbeing of any of our pupils, as this is a legal matter.

Keeping in mind that all social media platforms have a minimum age requirement of at least 13 years old. Should you decide to ignore the law and allow your child to have an online profile, we strongly advise that you monitor their internet use with increased vigilance and please remind yourself of the dangers of social media.

We recommend that all parents visit the CEOP Think UKnow website for more information on keeping your child safe online www.thinkuknow.co.uk. Also, please find below the age requirements for the most frequently used social media sites.

- Facebook- You are required to be at least 13 years old.
- Whats App - The user agreement requires users to be age 16 years old.
- YouTube - requires account holders to be 18 years old, or 13 years old *with parental permission*.
- Instagram - You are required to be at least 13 years old.
- Skype - You are required to be at least 13 years old.

Yours sincerely,



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