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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have become aware that some children, in particular in Year 5 and 6, have accounts for social networking sites, in particular Instagram. Instagram is a photo sharing app designed for people 13 years and over to post pictures and comment on them.

Like all social networking sites, these can be used inappropriately by both other people and your children. Please can I request that you take the time to review any social networking sites that your children have accounts on.

If your children do have social networking accounts it is essential that you monitor what they are posting and who they are sharing this with. It is also important that any social media accounts have suitable privacy settings enabled. If your children's accounts are public anyone can see pictures that have been posted, this includes images of children and is one way in which victims can be identified for grooming purposes.

I would also request that you are monitoring when and for how long your children are accessing phones and tablets in general, as well as social networking sites. It is important for well-being that children have good routines in the evenings and this includes time away from electronic devices.

If you need any further advice about the use of Instagram in particular, please see the link below:
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/instagram/>

In school, we will continue to discuss safe and responsible use of the Internet and social networking. Please take this opportunity to discuss with your child their learning about Internet Safety from the Autumn Term.

If you would like to discuss further any of these issues, please do contact me via the School Office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Murrey
Headteacher

