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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to make you aware of something that has recently come to the school's attention. Some children have been using social media apps such as Snapchat to socialise, including creating group chats and sharing images outside of school hours.

While we understand that children are naturally curious about connecting with friends online, we would like to remind families that many of these apps, including Snapchat, have a minimum age requirement of 13. Primary school-aged children are therefore below the recommended age for using these platforms.

We would appreciate your support in talking with your child about the apps and online spaces they may be using. These conversations can be a helpful opportunity to discuss safe and responsible use of technology, including privacy, respectful communication, and the sharing of images.

We also feel it is important to talk with children about how they treat others online. At times, misunderstandings or unkind behaviour in messaging groups can occur, which may contribute to situations such as cyberbullying. Encouraging children to think carefully about what they say online and how it might affect others can make a real difference.

Please also remind your child that if they ever feel uncomfortable, upset, or unsure about anything they see or experience online, they should feel able to speak to a trusted adult.

We appreciate your ongoing support in helping children develop safe and positive habits when using technology.

Thank you for your continued support.

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