

Charlestown Community Primary School and Nursery



Wednesday 15th March 2023

Dear parents and carers

Important message to all Year 6 parents

We are dealing with increased social media fall outs and issues in school and sorting these out is taking valuable learning time away from children. This must change.

Your children are not legally old enough to be on WhatsApp, Tik Tok, Facebook, Snapchat or Instagram. One of the reasons for this is because they are not emotionally mature enough to behave appropriately on it.

Going forward, if you are allowing this activity to continue, we will no longer be spending excessive and valuable learning time investigating issues. Our new procedure will be:

1. Listen and gather information about the incident.
2. Share with all parents of the children involved.
3. Recommend police involvement where appropriate.
4. Ensure all children are okay.
5. Ensure more education is given, warning of the dangers of social media behaviours.
6. Go back to prioritising learning for all children.

This means that we will not be spending time sorting the friendship issues or arguments out – we will leave this to parents to take responsibility for their own child's behaviours and resolve any issues.

I cannot stress how important it is to oversee and be aware of what your child is doing online. Please do not underestimate the dangers and emotional impact of letting your children use social media when they are on their own and not emotionally ready or mature enough to do so.

Yours sincerely

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