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Dear Parent/Guardian

It has come to our attention that within the P6 and P7 classes, there are children sharing and viewing videos on the social media platform 'Tik Tok' and other socials. As a school, it is our pastoral duty to make parents aware of this, the potential risks and dangers involved social media, and note that the legal age for 'Tik Tok' is 13.

It is important to reinforce that in many cases a child may put themselves at considerable risk due to the misuse of social media accidentally e.g. giving personal details, publishing photographs and/or videos, saying things they may later regret or could be misinterpreted etc. to a 'friend' who then distributes this information more widely. We want our children to be fully aware of this risk and potential consequences. We have an INTERNET SAFETY workshop planned this coming term.

In school we endeavour to educate our children on responsible use of the internet and their conduct online to keep themselves safe, but the inevitable responsibility for monitoring a child's use of the internet in general, lies with parents/guardians. We strongly encourage you to discuss issues around this with your children.

I have placed a QR code link below containing advice intended to support you in this process. Just scan with your smartphone – or alternatively click on this link:

http://www.ormistonsandwell.org.uk/docs/Social_Media_Guidance_UKCCIS_.pdf

We appreciate your support on this important issue for the children, and if anyone wants to discuss this further feel free to contact myself or Mr McKee at the school for further support or guidance.

Thank you everyone.

Yours sincerely

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