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Dear Parents and Carers



I hope you and your families are well.

I am writing to you today in relation to the appropriate use of social media

You will have noticed that this remains high profile in people's lives and in the media. It has become very common recently for us to read about how relationships, mental health and lives have been negatively impacted by its inappropriate use.

In amongst our regular updates from police colleagues and other support agencies with whom we work closely we have been signposted to some support materials which I include below.

As ever, with such important matters, we continue to talk with students about behaving and acting in responsible and supportive ways rather than making poor choices which affect others adversely.

Given the potential seriousness of using social media to cause insult and/or harm to others, I have amended our school [Behaviour and Rewards Policy](#) in order to encourage correct use of social media platforms and deter students from poor decision making. Please note the extract in italics below. I'd be grateful if you could share these expectations with your child to reinforce the school message

***Any material put on social media relating to students and/or staff without the knowledge/consent of the individual concerned will result in the school reporting the matter to the police. Perpetrators, including those who share such posted material, will face serious sanctions in school; this may include losing their place at school.***

TikTok app safety – What parents need to know (Internet Matters)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N Clayton', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mr Clayton, Headteacher