



The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School

Part of Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

Headteacher: Miss K. Hannah



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Dear parents,

Online Safety - Snapchat

We have had an increasing number of behaviour incidents in school that stem from the children's use of Snapchat and other social media platforms.

We are sending a leaflet outlining some of the risks associated with the use of Snapchat and remind you that there is an age restriction of 13 in place which means that no child in our school should be accessing the platform.

The incidents that we are dealing with in school relate to:

- Swearing online.
- Adding people to groups with the intention to be unkind to them.
- Racially offensive language.
- Children pretending to be other children to get someone else into trouble.
- Threats to have fights in school.
- Older siblings becoming involved and making threats.

I appreciate the pressure that parents are under to allow children access to social media however as part of our shared safeguarding responsibilities, I would urge you not to allow children onto social media platforms designed for adults. This ensures that they have the emotional maturity to deal with any inappropriate comments from others without getting as distressed as we have witnessed.

If there are any further issues in school relating to social media that involve your child, we will contact you so that you can resolve the issues as we have no control over the children's use of social media and Snapchat in particular.

K J Hannah
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