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Dear Parent/Guardian,

An increasing number of children use social media as a routine part of their day to day lives. Black Lane CP School acknowledges and accepts this; however we want to ensure that if children choose to use social media sites outside of school that they do so in a responsible, considered manner that does not open themselves or any other children to unnecessary risks.

It is important to understand that an online identity can easily become vulnerable and this is where we stress the importance of parental controls. Parental controls are a great tool to help protect your children online and manage their activities in a safe and friendly manner. However, parental controls are just tools and should not replace open and honest conversations with your child about online safety. We therefore stress the importance of discussing the use of social media with your children, especially around sharing information that could lead to bullying or create attention from unwanted people.

It is also important to be aware of the terms and conditions of each social media platform, especially around minimum age requirement. For example, did you know that the minimum age for Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram is 13? The internet is a public and open place and this means that your children might see something that is intended for adults which might upset them. No matter how young your child is, if they are using the internet you will need to have the conversation with them about things they might see online and encourage them to approach you or their teacher if they come across something that confuses or upsets them.

Black Lane's E-Safety and Anti-Bullying policies state that responsible use of social media will be taught in school. We discuss and stress the importance of online safety with children, however parental support and input is very much needed around this subject, especially as the use of social media is done outside of school hours.



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We advise all pupils to tell their parents/guardians or member of school staff if they see or receive something online that upsets them. All pupils have signed an acceptable use agreement, which states for foundation phase that *they will tell a teacher or another adult if they see something that upsets them on the screen*. For key stage 2 pupils that *they will be polite and responsible when they communicate with others, they will not use strong, aggressive or inappropriate language*.

Find out more by visiting [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) or please contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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