



11th March 2020

Dear parents/carers of Key Stage 2 children,

There has recently been an increasing number of concerning incidents involving Key Stage 2 children when using apps such as Tik-Tok and WhatsApp. These incidents have occurred both on and off school premises and include children using the apps to send nasty and inappropriate messages to each other and to create videos to cause embarrassment and distress to other children and this has then continued within the school day. Staff have spent a large amount of time trying to sort these out and settle children in school.

Please can parents/carers be extra vigilant in monitoring their children's online usage and take some time to talk to them about the importance of being kind to each other. Please remember that children shouldn't have mobile phones in school unless absolutely necessary – e.g. Year 6 children have an arrangement with parents/carers to have their phones if they walk to and from school. In these situations, all mobile phones need to be handed in to their class teacher during registration and they will have them returned at home time.

Please find attached a useful set of guidelines when children use social media platforms.

Best wishes

