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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well.

It has come to our attention that some of our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils are using social media platforms that require users to be at least 13 years old to sign up. We want to ensure that all our pupils are engaging with online platforms safely and appropriately.

Snapchat, TikTok, and Instagram appear to be the most commonly used social media sites among our pupils. To support you in managing your child's online activity, we have provided parental guidance specifically related to these platforms, which we hope you will find useful. (See links below.)

Snapchat: https://educationpartnershiptrust.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/reviews/snapchat

TikTok: https://educationpartnershiptrust.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/reviews/tiktok

Instagram: https://educationpartnershiptrust.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/reviews/instagram

In addition, we would like to remind you about the **Internet Safety Hub** available on the school website. This brand-new resource offers expert advice and guidance to help parents manage their child's online safety. It includes information on:

- Managing your child's screen time
- Understanding the latest gaming platforms and their safety implications
- Keeping up to date with current online trends and risks

As part of our commitment to online safety, we are also offering parents a **free Qustodio account** with parental controls for one device, along with **30 days of premium access**. This will allow you to:

- Gain better visibility of your child's online activity
- Block inappropriate or dangerous content
- Set screen-free schedules
- Receive alerts for concerning activity
- Monitor your child's location

Follow the link provided to create your free account:

<u>https://www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-</u> <u>special/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=OSHub&utm_campaign=education partnership trust-uk</u>





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If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Pickup, Head of Year 7 or Mrs Millest, Head of Year 8, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our pupils safe online.

Yours sincerely,

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