



# Townsend Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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## **Your child is at risk when using social media!**

Sadly, there have been at least six incidents of pupils using social media inappropriately since we came back to school in March. The pupils doing this total to only 6 pupils throughout the school!

There has been.

- Inappropriate name calling (5).
- Threatening individuals that they will 'get them'(2).
- Sending pornographic contents to friends (1)
- Sharing inappropriate content from other outlets (3).

Sadly, the above events are often due to repeat offenders. Thankfully, it is only in our Year 4,5, & 6 classes.

## **It is and remains the parent's responsibility to monitor the use of social media at home.**

The school cannot be responsible for monitoring the use of social media whilst each child is at home. However, as a duty of care, I would encourage all parents & pupils to report to the school anything that occurs on social media between pupils that is unacceptable.

Whilst you are in another room, or showering or busy elsewhere in your home, children will often 'face time' each other or send messages. This means you have no idea what your child is being faced with. Some of the games include outsiders, who are not what they say they are!

We have booked our community police officers this week to speak with all KS2 pupils, on how to behave and how to stay safe on-line.

There are age restrictions for all social media. **\*WhatsApp age content is 16 years. \*Instagram is 13 years. \*TikTok 13 years. \*Roblox 13 years.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Anne Stonell

**Headteacher**