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DOES YOUR CHILD USE SOCIAL MEDIA?
ARE YOU AWARE OF THE HAZARDS?

- **CYBER BULLYING**
- **GROOMING**
- **SEXTING**

We are seeing increasing numbers of issues being brought into school as a result of children using Social Media platforms outside of school, and having unrestricted access to the internet, unsupervised, at home.

We are asking parents to consider carefully how they allow children to use the internet at home.

Realistically, the school cannot police what children say and do on the internet during the evenings, at weekends and during the holidays. We urge parents to be proactive in checking what children are doing on the internet out of school hours and report illegal activity to the police.

When issues arise, parents are often surprised, with some stating that they do not wish to intrude on a child's discussions. Another frequent comment is that "my child wouldn't do that." The reality is that more and more children are becoming involved in inappropriate conversations outside of school. Children can make errors of judgement and it is the role of adults –including parents and carers– to address this, as well as teaching children how to be safe.

Nationally, cyber bullying is on the rise, with girls aged 11-14 most likely to be the victims.

In short;

Monitor your child's internet use. Do you know what they are saying or doing online?

Remove your child's phone /tablet from them at night, when they should be sleeping.

PRIMARY AGE PUPILS SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THESE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



Age restriction: 13



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