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Dear parents/carers,

Following on from our enlightening and important e-safety day, I feel I should pass on some useful hints and tips regarding children and the use of social media.

In a world where technology changes at a ferocious pace, it is our children that seem to be more adept at embracing these new, exciting communication and creative opportunities.

However, there are pitfalls, as Nick Edwards from HARRAP (our IT providers) professionally highlighted at his recent presentations to children, staff and parents. These presentations can be found at our website at the following location.

<http://droxfordjunior.co.uk/parent-workshops/>

The main focus of the parent workshop was social media. The emphasis was on parents being aware of what their children are doing whilst using social media and what dangers they could be exposed to. Somewhat enlightening for some was the fact that you need to be 13 years of age or over to officially sign up to use any social media site. For some sites you have to be 16+! This raised many an eyebrow on the day as you can imagine.

With all 'sign-ups' there is small print that needs to be read and in the case of Instagram for example, Nick unpicked some useful information for parents.

Safety tips, including parent's guide & reporting

- https://help.instagram.com/377830165708421/?helpref=hc_fnav

Terms of use

- https://help.instagram.com/478745558852511/?helpref=hc_fnav

Including

1. You must be **at least 13 years old** to use the Service.

6. You must not defame, stalk, **bully, abuse, harass, threaten, impersonate or intimidate people or entities** and you must not post private or confidential information via the Service, including,



without limitation, your or any other person's credit card information, social security or alternate national identity numbers, non-public phone numbers or non-public email addresses.

For more advice and support the BBC has some good advice...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/cyber-bullying-top-tips>

In school we work on educating our children in aspects of safety and anti-bullying. This will continue year on year, term by term and on a daily basis. It is an integral part of our 'core values'. We will continue to engage with our whole school community to help with this education process.

The governors, school staff and myself hope you find this additional information useful.

With best wishes



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