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Social Media guidance for Parents/Carers

The school are focused on setting a good example to children regarding the use of social media. We invite the parents/carers of the school to join us in setting this good example by;

- Having courtesy and respect for pupils, staff, governors and other parents/carers when comments are written on social media sites.
- Never use social media sites to make derogatory comments or post photographs in relation to staff, Govenors, other parents/carers within the school.
- Never using in-appropriate language when making comments regarding the school.
- Never post photographs of other people's children on social media sites without their permission.

Hate Crimes

If the school become aware of comments on social media sites that we believe constitutes a hate crime, then the school will report this to the police for action. A hate crime is any crime that is targeted at a person or a group of people because of prejudice or hostility about;

Race, Religion or belief, Sexual orientation, Transgender identity – including anyone who is transsexual, transgender, transvestite or who holds a gender recognition certificate. Disability – including physical or mental impairment or learning disability.

Data Protection Laws governing photographs taken on school premises or school events in relation to other children

Parents/carers can take photographs for their own private use, if they do not share these with anyone else, and the photos are not of an indecent nature.

However, if the photograph of any child other than your own is shared on social media sites without permission then you are breaking data protection laws.

Also, please be aware that there may also be safeguarding issues within the school, which prohibits the taking of photographs of children.

If a parent/carer has any concerns about the school, then we request that you contact the school and we will work with you to resolve any issues that you have.

We are committed to ensuring that all pupils, staff, Govenors, parents/carers at our school are treated with dignity and respect. Bullying and harassment of any kind will not be tolerated, and this includes cyber-bullying.