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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have become increasingly aware over the past few days of Year 6s growing interest and involvement in social media with some parents having highlighted some concerns they have.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that most popular social media platforms have an age restriction. Platforms such as Instagram and Snapchat have an age restriction of 13, while What's app has an age restriction of 16.

At St Margaret's we do not advocate the children having Social Media accounts, although recognize that in today's society many of the children do. Our main concern as a school is that if, as parents, you have allowed your child to use a Social Media Platform that they understand how to do so safely and responsibly. As always we will continue to discuss how to stay safe online with children. We have planned in some extra lessons around e-safety which will be completed over the next few days and weeks.

Please talk to your child about how they use social media and ensure that you regularly check your child's phone. At St Margaret's we always encourage children to speak to an adult if they are uncomfortable about anything they have seen on the internet or via their phone and it is important they feel able to talk to you at home too.

I have attached some posters to this letter which gives parents advice about Instagram and What's app. These will also be uploaded to our website over the next few days and can also be found at www.nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides

Please do not hesitate to talk to Mrs Bailey, Mrs Noonan or myself if you have any questions or require any support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Smith
Head of School

