



# Oughtibridge Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to discuss an important matter concerning the use of certain social media platforms among our Year 5 students. It has come to our attention that some children in this age group are using TikTok and Snapchat. As you may be aware, these applications are designed for individuals aged 13 and over.

While social media can offer entertainment and connection, it also presents several challenges and potential risks, especially for younger users. Increasing evidence suggests that using social media at a young age can have negative effects on children's well-being. You can find more information at <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org>

It is important to emphasise that children in Year 5 are often not yet mature enough to navigate these digital environments safely. Should you choose to allow your child to have a phone and access these apps, we strongly encourage you to monitor their activity closely. Online bullying and inappropriate content can have a significant impact on young minds.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in helping to ensure the online safety and well-being of our students. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Warm regards,

Mrs H E Adams

Headteacher

