



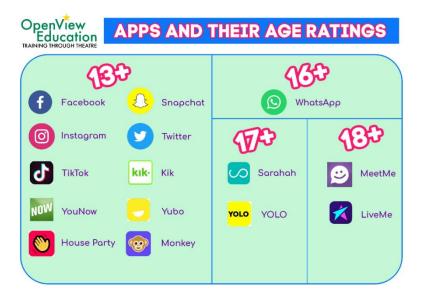
18th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of children in years 5 and 6,

I am writing to you regarding children's inappropriate use of social media sites. We have received numerous reports of a number of pupils sending unkind messages to each other that include threats and foul language.

I am writing to remind you that as it is the responsibility of parents to choose to give their children access to mobile phones and social media platforms, you have a duty of care to monitor your child's safe use of the internet. The children have settled back into school well this term; behaviour has been positive and their attitude to learning has been great. We are asking parents to support us in school by monitoring their children online and observing the age restrictions for such platforms.

Please see the image below for a guide for what age is acceptable to access the apps that our children use:



Whilst the staff at Bidston Village Primary School will continue to work hard to promote e-safety and educate the children on acceptable use of the internet, we cannot be held responsible for children's actions outside of school when using technology and would appreciate your support with this matter to keep all children safe.

If you would like any further information on keeping children safe online, please follow one of these links:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/parent-online-support-pack-teachers/

Many thanks,

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