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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to address an important matter regarding social media use among our pupils at Bonneygrove Primary School.

Please be advised that children in primary school should not have social media accounts and if they do, these should be controlled by parents and carers. As many of you are aware, Years Five and Six are asked to delete group accounts as these groups cause friction both out of and in school. This has a significant impact on children's mental health and wellbeing, as well as affecting their learning time in school.

Social media can be a significant child protection issue. Social media platforms can expose children to harmful content, cyberbullying, and other risks that can have serious negative impacts on their wellbeing. I would therefore ask parents and carers to think carefully about what social media platforms their children access - most require an email address and age verification.

I have enclosed a link to the NSPCC [What is social media? | NSPCC](#) and the age specifications of the social media platforms I know the children at Bonneygrove Primary School access.

The NSPCC state that the appropriate age to access social media platforms are:

Facebook - Age rating: 13+

Instagram - Age rating: 13+

TiK ToK - Age rating 13+

You Tube - Age Rating 13+

I trust that you will give this matter your careful consideration and work with us to ensure our pupils' safety and wellbeing both in and out of school remains a firm focus.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Craig Hamilton

Executive Headteacher

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