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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The following information has been put together to ensure all parents and guardians are aware of the content, actions, restrictions and privacy settings on current social media Apps and Websites.

This information has been collated based on social media Apps and sites students in Years 5 & 6 are currently using.

<p>Snapchat</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • App for iPhones, iPads and Android that is 13+. • When the user sets up app on phone, the app accesses your contacts to load friends to the application • Users send photos to other subscribers with a time limit of between 1-10 seconds that the photo to be displayed. • Once this time limit is up the photo is deleted. • Users are notified if there has been a screen grab taken by the other subscriber. However, the photo cannot be deleted on the subscriber's phone. • As photos disappear after the allocated time there is no evidence left over if photos sent have been inappropriate or nasty. • By default, anyone who knows your username or phone number can send you a message. Users can change settings to private. • Subscribers can be blocked.
<p>Clash of the Clans</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • App for iPads, iPhones and Android. • Game where 'clans' fight against other 'clans'. • In each 'clan' there is chat room where you can chat with other 'clan' members. • There is also a 'Global Chat' room where anyone can post. • Clan members can be invited or removed by the person who has created the 'clan'. • There is no moderation in chat rooms unless
<p>Facebook</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook is for users 13 years and over • Facebook allows users to have 'friends' • These friends can write on walls, comment on status' and pictures • Users can update their status and add photos to their profile and write private messages to other people • It is important to ensure users only request or accept people that they know as 'friends' • Facebook is a website and an app <p>Facebook continually changes account settings. It is important to regularly check privacy settings.</p>
<p>Twitter</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter requires users to enter into a legal agreement when they sign up. Under-18s are forbidden from entering contractual agreements until the age of 18 without the expressed permission of a parent or guardian • Twitter users write short messages of no more than 140 characters called 'tweets' • Twitter users have followers and can follow other users, reading their tweets. • Twitter is a website and an app • Tweets can be set to private so that only followers can reject or accept followers and keep their tweets private
<p>Flickr</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo and video sharing website • Users can post, sort, and share photos and videos • Flickr members are required to flag their content depending upon what the photo or video is about – "safe", "moderate" or "restricted". • Can set privacy settings so no one can view, save and print users photos and videos

<p>Instagram</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instagram is for users 13 years and over • Instagram is a free photo sharing program • Users can upload photos and add effects • The photos are then added to their profile and shared with their followers • Users 'follow' other users and can look at, 'like' and comment on photos • Instagram is an app that can be used on iOS and Android • Privacy settings can be put on so that users can accept, reject or block followers <p>It is important to ensure users only accept people they know as 'followers'</p>
<p>Kik</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instant messenger app for iOS • To set up a Kik account users must provide their first name, last name, email address and phone number • Can send photos to other users • Kik displays first name, last name, username and profile picture to the public • Can block unwanted people • This site has a 'Suggested Friends Feature'. This uses users address book to find people. It gets all of the phone numbers and email addresses from the users address book and put them on Kik's server. If there is a phone number or email address that matches that Kik member's details are sent to the user. This feature is optional - the user is asked when setting up their account
<p>Oovoo</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oovoo is a video chat app, similar to Skype • It is an app for smartphones and is also a website • Photos can be taken by either party during a video call • Privacy is automatically set for an open account when account is first created • Privacy settings can be changed to so photos can't be taken, gender isn't available, only people who know oovoo ID can contact user and videos don't automatically start when there is a call
<p>Viber</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viber is for users 13 years and over • Viber is an instant messaging service • Phone number is the ID • A copy of the users address book is kept on Viber's live server • Viber keep a Call Detail Record for each call made, for 30 months • GPS Location information can be used • Viber is an app and a website
<p>WhatsApp</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile messaging/chatting app for smartphones • Data sent through is not encrypted, meaning anyone on the same wifi network can read the information (text, photos and videos) being sent. There is an app (Whatsapp Sniffer) that allows this to occur even more easily • All conversations are saved on a database, and the location, if GPS is set up on the device
<p>MSN</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instant messenger service • It is an app and downloadable program • Unwanted contacts can be blocked, deleting people still allows them access to users updates
<p>Facebook Messenger</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand-alone app for smartphones • Instant messaging • Can share photos and message friends of friends • GPS settings allow other users to see location • Users can use the same privacy settings as their Facebook account for messenger
<p>PSN</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online gaming account. • There are 2 different types of accounts: Sub and Master accounts. • Master accounts are only for 18+. This allows users to play M+ rated games online

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub accounts can be created which prevents users to play M rated games • Privacy can be set up so that users can only accept messages from Friends, Friends of Friends or no one
Xbox Live		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online gaming account • There is no age limit on Xbox Live – If users input their correct age it will restrict games, however if they input a false age, games/features etc. will not be restricted • Default privacy settings for children and teens include: blocked friend acceptance, video communication, purchasing, profile viewing and explicit music
Tumblr		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blogging website • Can write blogs and share photos and videos • Users have followers who read their blogs • There are no privacy settings • All blogs are public and users can't prevent someone from following or from viewing your blog's pages or RSS feed • Users can block people from viewing their blog • Tumblr is a website
iMessage		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instant messenger service for iOS devices. • Messages are sent using Wi-Fi • Users can send messages, photos, links, videos and contacts. • An email account is required to set up iMessage • iMessage can be turned off in 'Settings' - 'Messages'
Skype		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skype is a communication device where users communicate by voice, video and instant messaging • Skype users can receive calls from people that are not on your contact list. This can be disabled through the 'options' menu • Users can disable the ability for anybody to search for their contact information on the Web • Skype is an app and downloadable program.
Game Centre		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Centre is on all iOS 5 devices • It uses the same ID as users Apple account • Users have friends that users can compete against each other • Users can make status updates, similar to Facebook • Parental restrictions can be enforced to disable friend feature

As a Level 4 team, we are committed to providing safe, online experiences for all students. We believe that keeping up to date with current social media is an important part of creating safe and secure digital practice.

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Social Media Site Information

I, _____ parent/guardian of _____

in class _____, acknowledge I have received the information provided on social media Apps and websites.

Sign: _____