

5th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Social Media Use outside of School

We are writing to advise you of a concern we have regarding parents' use of social media, in particular WhatsApp.

Please can I remind you, that should you have any concerns regarding either your child or another child you contact school to speak with the class teacher, Deputy Headteacher or myself.

As a school we are responding to this concern with additional teaching during Computing, PSHE lessons, in one to one conversations and teaching opportunities as they arise.

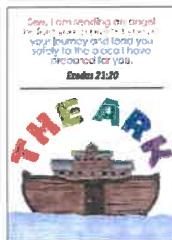
We recommend that parents adhere to the following guidelines when using class WhatsApp groups:

- The group should never be used as a platform to air views or grievances regarding a teacher, child or parent in the class or school.
- The group is not a political platform for airing opinions on current affairs.
- The group should not be used for private conversations with anyone else using the group.
- The group should be used keeping in mind mutual respect and cultural sensitivity between all its members.
- Bullying is not to be tolerated and should be reported directly to school.
- People who are not directly related to or responsible for a child in the school, should not be invited to the group.

Please note, the school considers the following online activity inappropriate:

- Abusive or personal comments about staff, pupils or other parents.
- Bringing the school into disrepute.
- Posting defamatory or libellous comments.
- Emails circulated or sent directly with abusive or personal comments about staff or pupils.
- Using social media to publicly challenge school policies or discuss issues about individual children.
- Threatening behaviour, such as verbally intimidating staff or using bad language.

St Michael's takes safeguarding responsibilities seriously and will deal with any reported incidents appropriately.



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If you are concerned about inappropriate comments on social media platforms please speak to a member of the senior leadership team.

Yours sincerely,

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