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Do you know what your child is doing online?

Dear Parents,

I felt I needed to write to you because we are becoming increasingly concerned about children in Year 6 and their use of social media and social media apps. Over the last few weeks, we have had several children sharing concerns about messages and information that is being circulated between children in the class, through social messaging platforms like Whasapp and Tik Tok. At times the children have been scared and afraid about what is happening. However, I am really pleased that they have felt able to share their fears with staff in school.

I have spoken with the class about how to keep themselves safe online and to make sure they share any concerns with trusted adults at home or at school. Mrs McLean has also supported this with some direct online safety work in PSHE.

Can I remind you that the age rating for Whatsapp and Tik Tok is actually 13 years, and despite many parents being very vigilant with their child's online use, we are seeing an increase in risky and unsafe behaviours from our Year 6 children.

Please can I ask that you talk with your son/daughter about this letter and about the importance of being safe online.

It's normal for your child to be curious and want more freedom to use a device. Your child may also try to look at things online they know they shouldn't or see harmful content by accident while they explore. For these reasons it's important to start having conversations about being safe online.

Having conversations with your child can help build trust and make them feel safe to come to you if they are worried or if something happens that makes them feel unsafe. Talking about how they can use digital devices can help you both understand the rules that are there to protect them and why they matter. It can also help their wellbeing and promote healthy digital behaviours as they become adults.

For further information and support, visit:

[Becoming more independent - Kids Online Safety](#)

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

[How to Keep Children Safe Online | Save the Children UK](#)

[CEOP Education](#)

