

# DAVIES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## LEARNING FOR LIFE

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Dear Parents,

It has come to our attention that children in year 6 have been accessing social media sites which have an age requirement of 13 years, in particular Snapchat. These sites can be dangerous places for younger children as they can potentially expose them to online bullying, inappropriate content or grooming. We have been made aware that some children are behaving inappropriately using these social media sites. We have had reports that conversations of a bullying nature have been taking place. We are extremely concerned about this as it is vital that we all work hard to keep our children safe.

Everyone in our school has the right to feel and be safe and we all have a responsibility to keep each other safe. We urge you to check your child's internet activity and ensure that their presence on the internet is heavily supervised.

These incidents have resulted in some children being left very upset and our concern is that some children are using or being exposed to content / language which is not age appropriate. Please could I ask you to be extra vigilant with your child's activities online. Can I please ask you to ensure that you have appropriate parental controls on phones, tablets and laptops as well as monitoring your children's activities?

Please see - <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers> to help you find out about how to support your child to use the internet safely and appropriately.

May I remind parents that the minimum age requirement for Snapchat, along with most other social media sites, is 13 years old and therefore no child in our school should be accessing these sites. We advise parents to monitor their children's online accounts to ensure that our children are not joining social media sites before the required age and are able to safely enjoy the benefits of the online world.

If you have any concerns or worries, then please come in and see us. We thank you for your support in keeping our children safe whilst online.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Cook  
Executive Principal