



St. Luke's Church of England Primary School

'Nurturing the individual as part of our community'

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'Learning for Life'

27th January 2025

WhatsApp

Dear Parent/Carer,

As an increasing number of children have access to a mobile phone, we urge you as parents/carers to ensure you are monitoring your child's use. Many children are part of various WhatsApp groups and we are concerned by the increase in the number of incidents we are seeing of unkind and unacceptable behaviour in these groups, as well as on other forms of social media. Please be aware of your child's use and regularly check their phones to ensure they are being used appropriately.

These incidents can have a devastating impact of children's mental health and wellbeing.

Please also be aware that most Social Media accounts (including TikTok and Snapchat) require users to be 13 years +.

The links below give advice on how to keep your child safe on Social Media;

SnapChat - https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/?gclid=CjwKCAiA68ebBhB-EiwALVC-NoSrME9HhUpn7vNP6IB0K0RnuxNYGPMC8FiNZELAOWe94RVLdeyMtRoCwiIQAvD_BwE

TikTok - <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Social Media advice for parents and carers – <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/ukcis-social-media-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>

WhatsApp - <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>

We have to rely on parents to monitor their child's use: be aware that chats often occur late at night or the early hours, therefore we would suggest you consider where your child's phone is stored in the evening and overnight.

You as parents are the first line of defense in protecting your child.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Heslop

