



# St. Luke's Church of England Primary School

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## **Social Media Awareness**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please be aware of your child's use of Social Media. We are seeing more and more incidents of children being unkind to each other, using Snapchat, Tik Tok, and while on Play Stations.

**Please review your child's use of this. 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](https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/?gclid=CjwKCAiA68ebBhB-EiwALVC-NoSrME9HhUpn7vNP6IB0K0RnuxNYGPMC8FiNZELAOWe94RVLdeyMtRoCwiIQAvD_BwE)

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**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/>

It is vital that you have regular conversations with your child about the Social Media they are using, the "chats" they are part of and the groups they are involved in. It is important that they know how to maintain their privacy, understand how to block people, and **how to use it appropriately #bekind**. We would also suggest that you check your child's social media accounts regularly.

We have to rely on parents to monitor their child's use: be aware that chats and image taking/swapping 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.**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Slater

