

Social Networking

Dear Parents and Carers,

All the schools within our cluster value the relationship we have between home and school, particularly the value of providing our children with continued learning through good role models. We take any parental concerns very seriously and are pleased that the vast majority are resolved in discussion with class teachers or form tutors. However, as Head teachers serving in local schools we felt it appropriate to write to you regarding the use of social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter, as it has come to our attention that in some of our schools these have become a forum for some parents to openly comment on specific school issues, which is not appropriate.

We would therefore like to remind you that using Facebook, Twitter or other social networking sites is not the correct forum if you have issues or concerns about the school, staff or pupils. If concerned about the policies and practices of the school please make your first port of call the class teacher or form tutor. If it remains unresolved, then contact the head teacher and if you are still dissatisfied, then you should put your complaint in writing to the chair of governors, following the school's complaints policy.

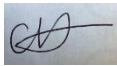
Negative remarks on these sites relating to members of staff or pupils, either directly or indirectly, can be deemed as defamation of character, harassment or slander. This means that you could be prosecuted by the police.

May we also take this opportunity to remind you that, in line with school policy, it is not acceptable to upload photographs or video clips of your child taken at the school or on school trips which include other children onto social networking sites without the permission of their parents.

We hope that you understand and appreciate our position on such matters and that you will support us by removing any comments of this kind and working with us directly if you have a concern or are in need of support. We are looking to maintain the strong relationship we have with our parents and wish to work with you on this issue.

Thank you for your continued support.

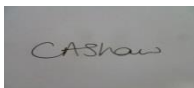
Yours sincerely,



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