



*'This is a GOOD school.  
Teaching is good because  
teachers know their pupils well'  
(OFSTED 2015)*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As term draws to a close, I want to make sure all parents and carers know about some important points regarding the use of social media and phones. This is crucial for parents of children who are leaving us and heading to KS3, but equally important for everyone to consider as I do know that many of our children are already active on social media on their own or their parents' phones and we do want to keep everyone safe.

1. We recommend you read the following article about a feature that has been introduced into Snapchat. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-40509281>  
This is something we think you need to be aware of.

2. There has been some interesting research into the effect of different social media apps on young people's mental health. You can find this at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-39955295>. In particular, if you do permit your child to use Instagram, then you should be aware of the potential consequences.

Please remind your child that anything posted to social media has the potential to be copied and circulated, which in some circumstances can then have serious and lasting consequences beyond what was intended.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely,

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