

Dear Parents,

As your child gets older, there will be increasing pressure and attraction for he or she to follow his or her 'friends' on social media websites and to play online games with other people. In order for you to be prepared for this internet interaction, we have collated guidance to support you in keeping your child as safe as possible in this ever changing online world.



Snapchat (minimum age is 13):

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>



Instagram (minimum age is 13):

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/instagram-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>



Musical.ly (minimum age is either 13 or 18):

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/musical-ly-app-parents-need-know/>



YouTube (recommended minimum age 13):

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/youtube-tips-and-tricks-to-keep-your-children-entertained-and-safe/>



Facebook and Twitter (recommended minimum age 13): (Leaflets for these social media sites are available on our website under E-safety).

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 is Safer Internet Day and the focus will be '**Our Internet, Our Choice: Understanding Consent in a Digital World**'. Look out for information from school about up to date information and advice. It is also a good opportunity to talk to your child about their experiences, hopes and fears in their online world.

Please do come and talk to me if you are worried about any aspect of e-safety.

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