



# Coxheath Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We wish to inform you that we are aware of a number of incidents recently involving children in Year 6 using social media to communicate with each other, where school have needed to support pupils.

This has mainly been through group chat / image and video sharing and the use of Whats App. Individuals involved and their parents have been contacted but we wanted to inform you all, so you can be aware and have a discussion with your child about their internet use, possibly even check their devices for groups created within social media methods of communication so you can talk to your child about their online reputation and safe use of technology.

If you need more advice, please make an appointment to meet with me, or look at the links below. I do need to advise you that social media sites such as Whats App have a 13 year old age requirement to sign up for an account.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017/tips-and-advice-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-help>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-help/whatsapp>

<http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Internet+Safety&pid=20>

I also really recommend you follow our twitter feed as online safety tips are posted each week.

Yours sincerely

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