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## **URGENT ACTION NEEDED**

Dear parents and carers,

We have recently had to deal with incidents relating to our older children and their misuse of social media sites.

There have been incidents this week that could have escalated and been reported to the police due to children using social media in an inappropriate, offensive and dangerous manner. Children are also accepting unknown people as friends on their sites despite being taught of the dangers of this in school. Senior leaders have worked with parents on these matters.

**PLEASE STOP YOUR CHILDREN USING SOCIAL MEDIA SITES SUCH AS TWITTER, SNAP CHAT, WHATSAPP, TIK TOK AND ANY SITE WHICH IS NOT FOR CHILDREN.**

**ALSO GAMING SITES – SUCH AS ROBLOX AND AMONGUS – children are using gaming sites to be unkind and block others out.**

Most of the sites being used by our pupils are for children aged over thirteen. Please monitor your child's use of their phones regularly. Although school staff have been sorting the issues out all of these incidents are happening out of school time. It is taking time away from teaching children and we need your support to stop this before it escalates and leads to a child's mental health being affected or a child being groomed. Year six children are also now of criminal age and they could be reported to the police for any such acts against other children on the internet

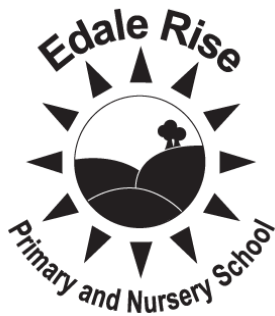
**THIS IS SERIOUS!!!!**

Please protect your children from harm. If you need help to know how to block sites please contact us. Parents and carers have responsibility to protect their children from issues linked to internet use and I ask you all to take swift action. I am sure most of you check your child's internet usage regularly but we have had to action several incidents this week involving our older children.

There is information on our website and app and we will add further information this week.

Regards Mrs O'Connor Executive Headteacher 15.06.21





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