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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has come to our attention that there is some ongoing, inappropriate social media use taking place outside of school, from children in UKS2.

We would like to remind you of the minimum age limit for some of the popular apps that our children are using:

Platform	Minimum age to sign up
Instagram	13
Snapchat	13
WhatsApp	16
YouTube	18 (13 – 17 with parental permission)
Tiktok	13

We have also been made aware of a Hawthorn Snapchat group which children are using to send messages to each other and this has been causing some distress. As the table above shows, the minimum age for Snapchat is 13 – therefore, above the age of a primary school child. Please ensure that your children stick to these age restrictions when downloading apps onto their devices. School takes online safety extremely seriously and we will not hesitate to refer into safeguarding agencies if we believe that there is cause to do so.

For further information please visit the following links:

[CEOP Safety Centre](#)

[Internet Watch Foundation IWF - Eliminating Child Sexual Abuse Online | IWF](#)

[Hawthorn Community Primary School - Online safety \(hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk\)](http://www.hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk)

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Emma Jacox

Headteacher

