

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Social Media/E-Safety**

This letter serves as a reminder that we strongly advise parents to ensure they are closely monitoring their child's use of the internet especially social media applications.

Please be aware that there are age restrictions on many social media apps some of which are detailed below.

App Name	Minimum Age Restriction	Additional Notes
Facebook, Instagram, ooVoo, Pinterest, Snapchat, Twitter, LinkedIn, Meet Me, Foursquare, Musical.ly, Tango	13	Musical.ly requires permission from an adult 18 years or older
Burn Note	15	Common sense media rating
Whatsapp	16	NA
Periscope, Whisper	17	Periscope is a common sense media rating
Kik, Flickr, YouTube, Yik Yak, Keek, We Chat	18	Keek, We Chat, Flickr and YouTube allows sign ups between the ages of 13-17 with parental permission and parental controls can be set which are password protected

There are age restrictions on apps due to the content that children could come across being deemed unsuitable. With this in mind we advise that children under these ages are not allowed to download and use these apps to any phone or electronic device.

Due to the open nature of the majority of these apps your children could be contacted by a stranger and carry out ongoing interactions with them. At WEPA we do not approve of the underage use of apps and social media and we therefore advise that your child does not engage in this activity.

There are parental controls that can be applied to any device that your child uses to restrict certain content from being viewed, unfortunately in very minimal occasions inappropriate content has been able to side step these controls.

If you are concerned with regards to your child's internet safety please do come and see someone in the school and we will do our best to support you.

Yours sincerely,

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