



Stockwell Primary School and Children's Centre

Achieving excellence together

Tuesday 17th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Safe use of social media

I am writing to you about a growing problem that we are experiencing regarding the misuse of social media by some students. This problem is prevalent in some year groups but particularly in year 6 and often leads to behaviour problems and social and emotional distress for those children involved.

In the last few years, the growth in the use of social media sites has been exponential: TikTok, Snap Chat, Instagram, Facebook, online gaming, WhatsApp and YouTube being the most popular. Although these sites are very worthwhile if used appropriately, they can cause all sorts of problems when they are used for inappropriate comments and bullying. This can lead to arguments and aggressive behaviour as well as mental health implications and self-esteem issues for victims; this will not be tolerated in the school. It is crucial that we work with you, the parents and carers of our young people, to ensure that all children are safe on-line and use these forms of communication in a civilised and acceptable way.

A large number of the issues that we have dealt with already this year have started with incidents of cyberbullying through WhatsApp and TikTok especially. Whilst we will continue to deal with behaviour issues that can ensue and make sure that the appropriate sanctions for these kinds of behaviour are given in school, we do need you as parents and carers to monitor your children's activities on social media and other on-line sites to ensure they are keeping themselves safe.

If you have any questions about this, then please do contact a member of the year six team. We are taking a strong stance on this and will not accept bullying of any form and hope that we can count on your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Kelleher
Upper Key Stage 2 Phase leader.

BJS FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

Bonneville, Jessop & Stockwell Primary Schools

Stockwell Primary School
Stockwell Road
London SW9 9TG

Tel: 02072747687
Email: clericalofficer2@stockwell-pri.lambeth.sch.uk
Web: Stockwell-pri.lambeth.sch.uk

Executive Headteacher
Andrea Parker, BA (Hons), NPQH, NPQEL
Acting Head of School
Zenia McIntosh, BA (Hons) QTS

 @StockwellPri