



Wednesday, 10 November 2021

Misuse of Social Media

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well.

Yesterday I spoke to all students in an assembly with a focus on the misuse of social media. Unfortunately, it has been brought to my attention that some students have recently been using social media to make malicious suggestions about staff in our school, which is totally unacceptable.

During the assembly, I reminded students that at Toot Hill School part of our 'Work Hard, Be Kind, Take Pride' ethos is that we are kind to all members of our learning community: students, their families, the local community and our staff. In addition, I clarified the impact of the misuse of social media and the consequences of such behaviour. In school we are taking this issue extremely seriously and sanctions will reflect the severity of the misuse. In addition, we will involve the police as appropriate where videos, pictures and/or messages have been deemed as illegal activity.

We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all staff and students at our school and ask that you speak with you son/daughter about their social media accounts and reinforce the potential implications of them creating or indeed sharing inappropriate material. In addition, commenting on the content of such accounts can be equally as damaging.

I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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