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Dear Parent,

As we approach the half year mark of this academic year, I would like to thank you for the continued support from so many of you. The vast majority of the children continue to turn up for College, every day, on time, in full uniform with a readiness to learn. This is to be celebrated and indeed the introduction of our new ethos and rewards system in January recognises the under-pinning aims of the College through 'The Smith's Wood Way; Value our learning; Respect our College and Community; Believe in ourselves.

We would like to remind all parents, guardians and carers of the impact that social media is playing in the lives of so many youngsters. We have been aware of organised anti-social events between youngsters in the local area both within schools and in the local community. Whilst it is a societal issue, it is important that you are aware of the impact that social media may be having on your child. It is important that you are fully aware that if your child takes part in any anti-social behaviour or any organised event in school or in the local community, then this will inevitably lead to an exclusion from school and may lead to Police involvement.

Please use the links overleaf to research further into internet and social media safety.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Year 7 parents evening that is taking place on Wednesday 15th February between 4pm and 7pm. This will provide you with the opportunity to speak with teachers regarding academic progress; your child's exercise books will also be available for you to consider their work. We are also holding a Year 11 Mock Examination Results evening between 4pm and 7pm on the same evening where post 16 providers will be present to share the courses and educational opportunities that are available in the local area.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Craig
Principal



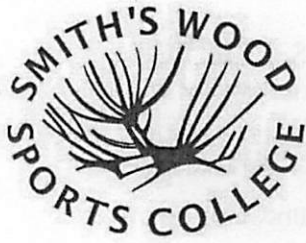
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www.ncpc.org › Resources › Internet Safety

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/social-media-smarts.html>

For your information, below are details of social media sites and how you can report issues:
Instagram is a picture and video sharing app which allows users to share images, make comments and post messages. Instagram provides a reporting function here: <https://help.instagram.com/443165679053819/>
Users are able to block other users.

Facebook

Facebook is a social network which allows users to create a profile, share images, videos and messages. Facebook provides a reporting function here:

- Social reporting - <https://www.facebook.com/help/128548343894719>
This offers users the ability to contact other users directly to ask them to take something down that does not necessarily breach Facebook's terms of service. In some cases the young person may not feel comfortable in contacting the person directly so they can use the report flow to enable another trusted person to help them – e.g. a teacher, friend, parent.

- Public reporting - <https://www.facebook.com/help/263149623790594/>

Users who do not have a Facebook account are able to report directly to Facebook using the link above and completing the form. Users are able to block other users.

YouTube

YouTube allows users to watch, create and share videos. Users can create their own YouTube account, make playlists and create their own channel. Users are also able to comment on other users' channels.

YouTube provides a reporting function here: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802027>

Users can report an individual video, a channel or a comment on a video. Only account holders can make reports on YouTube.

Google

The "right to be forgotten" ruling allows the public to request the removal of search results that they feel link to outdated or irrelevant information about themselves on a country-by-country basis. Users are able to complete a form to highlight what content they wish to be removed. Users have to specify why the content applies to them and why it is unlawful so the exact URLs relating to the search results need to be referenced.

See https://support.google.com/legal/contact/lr_eudpa?product=websearch

A list of many other providers and links to their reporting functions can be found at the NSPCC's NetAware website: www.net-aware.org.uk

See below for Support Services:

If you need additional advice or support, the following organisations can assist:

Internet Watch Foundation

In the event that a site has no reporting function and if the content is a sexual image of someone under 18 you can report it to the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF). Sexual images of anyone under 18 are illegal and the IWF can work to get them removed from sites which do not have reporting procedures. Adults can report directly to the IWF here:

www.iwf.org.uk. Young people can contact ChildLine who work in partnership with the IWF and will support young people through the process.

NCA-CEOP

www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

If you are concerned that a child is being sexually abused, exploited or groomed online you should report to NCA-CEOP

The NSPCC adults helpline

0808 800 5002

The NSPCC has partnered with O2 to offer direct support to parents and other adults on issues relating to online safety.

ChildLine

www.childline.org.uk

ChildLine offers direct support to children and young people including issues relating to the sharing of sexual imagery.

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline (POSH)

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/about/helpline>

Tel: 0844 381 4772

The POSH helpline supports professionals with an online safety concern or an online safety concern for children in their care. Professionals are able to contact the helpline to resolve issues



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