Friday 19 April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following investigations into the incident in school yesterday, in which there is now police involvement, it has become clear that children’s interactions on Snapchat have been at the centre of this matter.

Many children inform us that they use Snapchat regularly. On Snapchat, pictures and videos are deleted after they have been viewed by the people within the chat, and messages disappear 24 hours after viewing (although Chats can be set to disappear immediately). It is important to bring this to your attention, as the very nature of Snapchat as a social media platform means it is very difficult to supervise and monitor your child’s interactions and ensure the appropriateness of their conversations as well as their safety.

The age limit for Snapchat is 13 years; this age limit is set to help keep your children safe. We request that you follow these guidelines, monitor your child’s involvement on social media and support them to deal with any problems that might arise. In doing so, you will be helping us to minimise the possibility of children finding themselves in potentially harmful situations.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Foster**

**Head Teacher**