



# Outwoods Edge Primary School

Every Child Every Day Every Future

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## Internet safety and the use of Social Media in Years 5 and 6 Parents and Carers meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 3:30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our School is committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the internet and as such we feel it is our responsibility to raise this particular issue as a growing concern, due to the increase in inappropriate use of OoVoo, Skype, Instagram, Facebook and other texting sites.

Many of the issues that have been brought to our attention recently have involved the use of:

- Xbox live, Playstation and Minecraft – these are games consoles/games where there is an option to talk online to other players.
- Skype/Facetime/OoVoo - video and messaging apps. You are expected to be at least 13 years old before you can create an account.
- Instagram - an online mobile photo sharing, video sharing and social networking service which enables its users to take pictures and videos and share them on a variety of social networking platforms. You are expected to be at least 13 years old before you can create an account.
- Facebook - a social networking site. You are expected to be at least 13 years old before you can create an account.
- Whats App – An instant messaging app for smartphones. The user agreement requires users to be age 16 or older.

We understand that it is increasingly difficult to keep up with the ways that our children are using new and ever-changing technologies. Through lessons provided at school, assemblies, guest speakers, and PSHE lessons, we do our best to provide our children with the awareness and knowledge they need in order to recognise and avoid dangerous, destructive, or unlawful behaviour and to respond appropriately. However, it is only through a collaborative effort between parents and teachers that we will succeed in creating responsible and safe cyber citizens.

**The children will be visited by our school police officer next week so that he can discuss how to keep themselves safe online. In addition, we will be holding a parents and carers meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 3:30m in the school hall to discuss these issues and so that we can support you further. We would like to see as many of you as possible. Please return the reply slip below.** If you cannot attend this meeting and wish to discuss any of the above points/learn about how to keep your child safe online, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Williams  
Phase Leader for Years 5 and 6

Mr Perry  
Year 5 Class Teacher

Miss Doyle  
Year 5 Class Teacher

Mr Gegan  
ICT Support

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	I will be attending the parents meeting at 3:30pm on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April. There will be ___ of us.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the internet safety parents meeting.

