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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been brought to my attention by a member of our school community that a number of children in our Year 6 cohort have YouTube and Facebook accounts and perhaps other social media accounts too.

As I am sure you are aware, there are rules and regulations around children having online and social media accounts, both YouTube and Facebook having an age restriction of 13 years.

Having looked into this issue and viewed a number of the posted videos (all of which are open to anyone across the world with an internet connection), we have discovered content that concerns me regarding the safety of some of the children.

Videos have been posted onto YouTube under account names giving the child's full real name, videos of the children in school uniform, children wearing inappropriate clothing and semi-nudity, videos that give a tour of the parent/carers house, content that gives ideas as to where these children live.

Please could you spend some time talking to your children about internet safety and ways to stay safe on-line, reinforcing the messages given by school.

On our school website, [www.norwood-school.co.uk](http://www.norwood-school.co.uk) there are a number of sites that support parents/carers, teachers and children to understand the importance of keeping safe online. These can be accessed by following the link <http://www.norwood-school.co.uk/page/?title=Internet+Safety+%2D+Stay+Safe+Online&pid=75>

A newly added resource, as a result of our recent e-safety week, is **Live my digital** which shares resources created by Digital Awareness UK and the Girl's Day School Trust to help teachers protect their students online. Live My Digital is a series of 6 films for parents and 6 films for students on topics such as sexting, cyberbullying and grooming.

If you have any questions about this please speak to a member of the Year 6 team.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Mrs D Reynolds  
Head Teacher

