

Knowsley Junior School

Respecting each other, succeeding together.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to ask for your support regarding an important matter affecting our school community. Recently, we have been made aware of several incidents that have taken place online (in social media groups), outside of school hours, which are now impacting learning and relationships during the school day. While these interactions have occurred beyond school premises, the effects are being felt in classrooms and playgrounds, causing upset, distraction, and conflict between pupils.

As a primary school, our priority is to ensure that every child feels safe, happy, and ready to learn. We therefore kindly ask parents and carers to take an active role in monitoring and safeguarding their children's use of social media, online games, messaging platforms, and group chats.

We encourage you to:

- Check age restrictions on apps and platforms and ensure they are appropriate for your child.
- Regularly monitor your child's online activity, including private messages and group chats.
- Remind your child about respectful communication and the importance of kindness online.
- Speak with your child about what to do if they see or receive upsetting content.
- Report any concerns to the relevant platform and inform the school where issues may affect pupils during the school day.

Please remember that many social media platforms and apps have a minimum age requirement of 13 years. Access to these platforms at a younger age can increase the risk of exposure to inappropriate content and online conflict.

We greatly value your partnership in helping our pupils develop safe and responsible online behaviours. By working together, we can reduce incidents that spill over into school and ensure our children can focus on learning and maintaining positive friendships.

If you have any concerns or would like further advice about online safety, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E Aldred'.

Miss E Aldred
Head of School