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Dear Parents/carers,

It has become apparent to us that many children in years 5 and 6 are accessing social media apps which are not appropriate for their age group.

In a recent workshop, which was carried out with year 5 and 6 EHA pupils, the organisers estimated that 85% of pupils said that they had mobile phones and more than 70% were accessing social media sites.

This is significantly higher than The Office of Communications' (Ofcom) report which found approximately 21% of children aged 8-11 have social media in the UK.

We wish to remind you of the minimum age limits on the following social media sites:

What's App - 16

Tik Tok - 13

Instagram - 13

These age limits are put in place to keep children safe and protect their physical and mental health.

At EHA, we regularly hold workshops, coffee mornings and PSHE lessons on E-safety, and the risks of children using social media. If you have concerns or questions about your child's use of a mobile phone and/or social media, please contact the school office.

Regards,
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