



Longmoor Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Longmoor Primary School is committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the Internet for our pupils, both at school and at home. I have recently been made aware of an issue concerning the use of Facebook by some of our Year 6 pupils outside of school. I would like to make it very clear that under no circumstances should any pupil take photographs of one another at school using a mobile phone and then post to any social networking sites including Facebook when they get home. The children receive termly e-safety advice about keeping themselves safe online and know that posting photographs of themselves in their school uniform and then 'tagging' themselves in totally irresponsible and potentially dangerous. I would therefore ask you, as parents, to be vigilant to ensure that your child is not putting themselves in danger. Facebook is blocked at school, so that children cannot access or join it while they are in our care.



Facebook's terms and conditions clearly state that you have to be 13 to have an account. If you are younger than that (all pupils at our school are), you can only join by falsifying your date of birth, which is a breach of the terms and conditions. Anyone under the age of 13 who joins Facebook is presenting themselves as older than they are. Some other people join Facebook and pretend to be younger than they are specifically to gain access to children. This could put your child at significant risk.

If you have allowed your child to join Facebook in breach of their terms and conditions, this means that you are taking full responsibility for their account and everything they do with it. For further advice for parents, please see the attached 'E-Safety Parents Guide'.

Thank you in advance for cooperation on this matter. I'm sure you'll agree, that by working together, we can help our children understand how important it is for their own online well-being and to be mindful of what they share, say and upload.

J Menzies

Head Teacher