



**Barrow CEVC
Primary School**
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Use of Social Media Platforms

I am writing to ask for your support regarding an increasing number of concerns linked to children's use of 'TikTok' and other social media platforms.

Over recent weeks, we have seen a rise in issues being brought into school that originate from online activity outside of school hours. These have included unkind comments, sharing of inappropriate content, and friendship fallouts that are then impacting children's wellbeing, relationships and readiness to learn during the school day.

As you may be aware, 'TikTok' has a minimum age requirement of 13. Despite this, we know that some primary-aged children are accessing the platform. The content children encounter can be difficult to monitor and may expose them to material that is not appropriate for their age, as well as increasing the likelihood of misunderstandings and conflict between peers.

While we address any issues that arise in school, these situations often begin at home and are best prevented through careful supervision and open conversations.

We would greatly appreciate your support in the following ways:

- Check whether your child is accessing 'TikTok' or other social media platforms
- Ensure privacy settings are in place and accounts are appropriately restricted
- Monitor your child's online activity regularly
- Talk with your child about respectful communication and the impact of their words online
- Consider whether your child is ready for social media at this stage

We will continue to reinforce messages in school about kindness, respect and staying safe online. However, your support is essential in helping children make safe and responsible choices outside of school.

If you have any concerns or would like advice on parental controls or online safety, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Nadine Fairweather

Deputy Headteacher