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Online Safety Day

Did you know your child needs to be 13 to have their own Facebook account?

Did you know your child's location can be found using their Snapchat account?

Did you know once a photo is disclosed on Instagram it can be reproduced and sold without your consent?

Social media is a fantastic technological advancement but carries a lot of risk. That is why we would like to inform the children and yourselves about online safety.

Many parents believe their child is too young to be concerned about social media; however studies have shown that **59%** of children have accessed social media before the age of 10. This could be through parents' phones or tablets, or even through games consoles – a growing area for **cyberbullying**. What is more concerning is the study also revealed just **32%** of parents feel 'very confident' about helping them stay safe online.

Therefore we are holding an online safety day on Wednesday 4th October. The children will all be learning how to keep safe online and making age appropriate usage policies. They will present these using a range of technology from short films to PicCollages.

We would like to invite parents to an assembly where the children will showcase their work; this will take place at 2.45pm.

Once this has finished there will be light refreshments and we will then be holding a parents' meeting ran by E learning consultants Sue Finnegan and Thom Winterbotham from the Primary ICT and e-Learning team.

This will take place 3.30-4.30pm and childcare will be provided free of charge by class teachers.

I cannot stress enough the importance and value of attending this meeting. All the teachers from Wharnccliffe Side have already attended this meeting and found it invaluable. Please complete the reply slip below if you are able to attend.

Thank you

Gemma Wellum

Computing coordinator at Wharnccliffe Side Primary School

I will be attending the Online Safety Parents meeting 3.30-4.30 on Wednesday 4th October.

Name _____ Signed _____

I will be requiring childcare for my child, they are in Class _____

