



Growing and Blossoming
"Aspiration, Inclusion, Happiness"

Crossley Hall Primary School

Monday 21st October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to express concern around recent events which are unfolding via online platforms with Y6 pupils. There are an increasing number of reports from pupils and families stating that a range of group chats within the year group are becoming an open forum for discussion around inappropriate topics, hurtful comments and threatening behaviour.

Every app and video game has been given an age restriction - this is there for a reason. The content that pupils are accessing is often targeted at a much older audience e.g. Snapchat enables users to access if aged 13 or above. You must remain diligent and remove access to such apps if you become aware your child is using them.

We are aware that a considerable number of Y6 pupils are also part of a Playstation Party. Whilst discussion has taken place in school, I urge you to consider the following rules Playstation Network have compiled and prompt discussions at home:

1. Don't buy anything without permission
2. **Never be mean to people or laugh at them**
3. Don't tell anyone on PSN too much about yourself

Playstation Network have made it clear that should a user break the rules outlined above, they can:

- Stop the account from working
- Report incidents to the police
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We must remind you, the age of criminal responsibility in England, Wales and Northern Ireland is 10-years-old (Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1998). Deleting chat history does not completely erase the data from servers and this can easily be restored.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/legal/psn-rules/>

We appreciate your support in this matter to ensure that our pupils are conducting themselves appropriately online.

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