

# *Sacred Heart RC Primary School*



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Dear Parents

At Sacred Heart School, we consider the protection of children to be of the highest priority. With the ever growing number of social media websites and the vast numbers of young children having access to mobile phones, it is essential that all members of our school community are aware of the need to use caution, act responsibly and protect children from any online risks.

At school, the children are taught to avoid online risks and to keep safe. The school has appropriate website filters in place to ensure children are not able to access inappropriate sites. We adhere to the age restrictions of all social networking sites in order to avoid risk and ensure safety.

It is vital that such safety measures continue at home. Although very rare, some parents have reported that their child has received inappropriate and upsetting messages at home via social networking sites either from children they know or from strangers. If your child is a member of a social networking site or messaging service, please ensure that you and your child are aware of the age restrictions imposed by the site. It is essential that your child has the highest priority settings and that you monitor your child’s posts and messages.

If children find any content they are not comfortable with, they should -

**STOP – BLOCK – TELL**

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Current age restriction for all of the following sites is **13 years of age**;

Facebook  
Instagram  
Pinterest  
Tumbir  
Linkedin  
ooVoo  
Musical.ly  
Youtube

We regularly run online safety workshops for parents. The next workshop will take place in the autumn term. The parent tab on the school website includes links, which will direct you to support and advice on protecting your child online. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish for any further support with online safety.

Yours sincerely

S. Walker  
Headteacher