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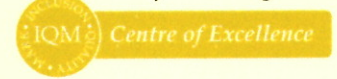
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Year 5 Parents

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Dear Parents

A Serious Issue

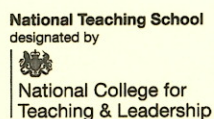
It has come to my attention that a significant number of Year 5 pupils, predominantly girls, are signed up to and making use of a number of social media sites e.g. Instagram, Snapchat etc. Some of them are using these sites at 10 and 11 pm at night suggesting that this may be occurring without parental awareness. Legally your children should not be using these sites. A lot of peer pressure is being placed on the children to sign up and participate and I understand on occasions some of the messages could be seen as bordering on bullying.

There is also a site called Musical.ly onto which children have innocently placed video clips of themselves singing and dancing and in some cases of their younger siblings. I have been made aware that this site has a number of older male viewers with all of the implications this suggests I would urge all parents to follow this issue up and withdraw their children's access to these sites. Use of mobile sources of any kind close to bedtime proves to impact negatively on sleep patterns and I would accordingly suggest that use of mobile devices is restricted to specific times with monitoring.

In your child's interests I would request you to take this matter very seriously.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S C Beck
Headteacher



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