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Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been a number of concerns that have been brought to our attention regarding pupils inappropriately using Social media, particularly Snapchat. All pupils have been reminded in assemblies this week, to treat people with respect, as we do in person and the importance of being safe when using social media.

Please can you support your child to ensure they are safe and respectful when using social media platforms at home and would welcome your child to be monitored and supervised when accessing online platforms.

Should you need further advice or support please look on our website for online safety support:

<https://www.bower-grove.kent.sch.uk/parent-online-safety>

Some quick tips:

- Make sure you know what your child is accessing. Talk with them, as you would do about the children they meet in school and let them show you what they enjoy on social media.
- Parental settings are an easy way to ensure your child's safety online. To help you to set these up please go to: https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw1qL6BRCmARIsADV9JtawX4u44VACiV-F3x7pxlt-K5_XnUOU7nf4nezh9B411iVXC6zBj4laAqJsEALw_wcB
- Is your child's Snapchat account private... who can access their information? Follow this link to help set up your child's Snapchat privacy settings:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/snapchat/>

Should you need any further support with these issues please do contact the school. We are very aware of how daunting the internet and social media is and are happy to work through any concerns together.

Thank you for your help in supporting us to support your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Cleave
Headteacher



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