



4th February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Social Media

Following a number of incidents that have come into the academy involving the inappropriate use of social media, I am writing to remind you of the support you can offer your child.

The academy is unable to be the sole educators of our children with regard to the safe and appropriate use of social media and the internet, as it surrounds them in every aspect of their lives. We do regularly take steps to both inform and guide students around E-Safety and links to the academy policy can be found on our website www.oasismayfield.org.

As the safety of children is all our responsibility we thought it would be useful to share some websites that may be of use to you in dealing with and supporting your child in being safe. These are www.nationalcac.org which holds lots of information on keeping children safe. Alternatively, there is www.connectsafely.org which is specifically geared towards online safety or www.thinkyouknow.co.uk which has excellent advice on sites such as "Oovoo" & "Ask FM". Please also find attached information on some apps parents need to be aware of.

Social media surrounds us all in some form; it is no surprise that a majority of employers do an internet check on prospective employees. With this in mind, it is important that we encourage our children to manage their social profile with due care and consideration, as it will have an increasing impact on our young people's future in the world of work and employability.

Please can I encourage you to take time to look at the information available, enabling us to work together to ensure we keep all our children safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Dawkins

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mrs K Dawkins".

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