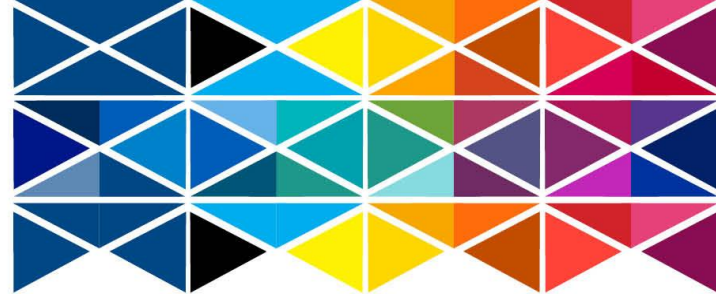




ST ANDREW'S
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Social Media Reminders

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are asking for parental support in monitoring the content that is being shared/discussed on your child's social media accounts and devices. Although issues from these platforms and their content frequently spill over to the school day, we are unable to control problems that take place outside of school and while children are at home in the evenings. Many social networking sites and online games have age restrictions, but unfortunately these are not being followed by many of our students.

Snapchat has a minimum age requirement of **13 years**

WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of **16 years**

Fortnite has a minimum age requirement of **12 years**

Instagram has a minimum age requirement of **13 years**

TikTok has a minimum age requirement of **13 years**

Based on these guidelines, **no primary school student should be accessing these apps.**

Students are being exposed to content that they are not developmentally or emotionally able to process and handle at their ages. In addition, some children are having discussions on social media that they are finding difficult to unravel without the support of adults. We will continue to address and work with students as issues arise in school to ensure that all students feel safe. We are asking for your support to ensure that your children are closely monitored when accessing the internet and social media and that they only access sites that are age appropriate.

As a reminder, **primary students are not allowed to use cell phones during the school day.** If a cell phone is seen or used, it is confiscated and held until a parent or guardian can come and collect it. We suggest that unless there is a specific reason your child needs a phone at school (after school activities, riding the bus, etc.), all cell phones should stay at home. If a child brings a phone to school, it must remain off and in their bag until after school. Students may also turn their phone into the Head of Primary for safekeeping throughout the school day.

Thank you for your support,
The Primary Team

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