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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be fully aware, the internet has become a powerful tool to connect and share ideas and opinions.

The vast majority of people who use social networking show respect in their communication with others and this is something that we must encourage, to show our children that we are positive digital role models. However, like other aspects of society, there are people who disregard the ruleset, and will use social media sites to cyberbully, harass or stalk others.

As a school, we encourage parents to support us with the education and wellbeing of their children and if, at any time, parents feel that they have issues regarding their child's education, they should make an appointment with the Headteacher. As a community, we should all frown upon the use of social networking sites by parents to criticise and make unsubstantiated comments about the school or any members of staff.

We do not want to go down the route of having to send out legal letters from solicitors to parents about untrue and damaging comments made on social networking sites. Current laws such as the 1988 malicious Communications Act, the 1997 protection from Harassment Act and the 2003 Communications Act all can be used to protect people from malicious and threatening posts on the internet.

In light of this, the school will be updating the current Home-School Agreement to include a section about the complaints procedures and use of social media. A copy will be sent to you to sign in due course.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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