

Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been made aware that some of our children have been accessing various social media platforms such as snapchat and tik tok. Most of these are age restricted and children at Highlees should not be accessing them as they are not old enough to be viewing the content. We will be notifying parents if we are made aware that their child has been accessing these sites.

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online. Here are some tips on how you can do this;

- **Talk** to your child about their time online and let them know they can talk to you if anything bothers them
- **Set up parental controls** on your computer devices (see the link below)
- **Report** anything you are worried or concerned about. If you are not sure where to go, speak to a member of staff.

We also ask parents to check in with their children, particularly if they have been showing behavioural changes or seem upset or withdrawn.

Please ensure that children and young people in your care know who they can talk to if they come across something that upsets or causes them distress online. Here are some links to some great hints and tips that you can use in order to help keep your child safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

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If you have any concerns then please come and speak to a member of staff.

Mrs M Albert
Principal

