

## Social Networking

Dear Parents/Carers,

All schools within the ASCA Partnership value the relationship that there is between home and school. We take any parental concerns very seriously and are pleased that the vast majority are resolved by the class teacher. However, as Headteachers serving in local schools we felt it appropriate to write to you regarding the use of Social Networking sites such as Twitter or Facebook -as the use of these and other social networking sites to comment openly on school issues is not appropriate.



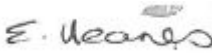





We would therefore like to remind you that using Facebook, Twitter and other social networking sites is not the correct forum if you have issues or concerns about the school, staff or pupils- as any negative remarks on these sites can be seen as defamation of character, harassment or slander, which means that you could be prosecuted by the police. If at any time you have an issue, your first port of call should be the class teacher. If it remains unresolved then contact the Headteacher. If you are still dissatisfied then you should put your complaint, in writing, to the Chair of Governors.

May we also take this opportunity to remind you that, in line with school policy, it is not acceptable to upload photographs or video clips of your child taken at school, which include other children, onto social networking sites without the permission of their parents.

We hope you understand and appreciate our position on such matters and that you will support us by removing any comments of this kind. We are looking to maintain the strong relationship that we have with parents and wish to work with you on this issue.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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