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Dear Parents

Social Networking Sites

Due to the rising popularity of social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, the staff and governors have agreed that they will be setting a good example to the children in our school, when using these sites. We would like to invite the parents and guardians of the children in our school to do the same.

I have attached a policy to this letter that tells you what the staff and governors have agreed and what our promises to the children, parents and guardians are when using social networking sites. We hope that you will take up our invitation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns, issues or comments about school; the staff and I are available to speak to you. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher





The staff and governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School's agreement for using social networking sites

All staff agree to:

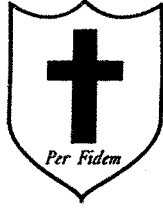
- Demonstrate courtesy and respect for staff, parents and pupils when comments are placed on social networking sites.
- Ensure appropriate language is used in any comments placed on social network sites.
- Ensure that any comments and/or images could not be deemed as defamatory or in breach of any relevant legislation set out in LA or school policies and handbooks.

We agree not to:

- Use social network sites to make derogatory comments which could bring staff into disrepute, including making comments about pupils, parents, other staff members, the senior leadership team, governors, local authority or the wider community.

Our promise to parents is:

- We will meet with them and use the Governing Bodies policies and procedures to resolve concerns.
- We will work hard to resolve any concerns in the best interest of the whole community.
- We will act in the best interest of the whole community and honour our duty of care to our pupils.
- We will never conduct school business through social network sites.



Staff and Parents of St Mary's Catholic Primary School support good practice on Social Networking Sites

The Headteacher, staff and governors have agreed an approach to the use of Social Networking sites that includes the items below. We are now inviting parents to join us in setting a good example for our children.

All parents are invited to join staff in setting a good example for our children by:

- Demonstrating courtesy and respect for staff, other parents and pupils when comments are placed on social networking sites.
- Using appropriate language when discussing school.
- Addressing any issues or concerns regarding school, directly with the Headteacher, member of staff or governors.

All parents are invited to join staff in setting a good example for our children by agreeing not to:

- Use social networking sites to make comments or post photographs that might tend to bring parents, pupils, the senior leadership team, the local authority or the wider community into disrepute.
- Post photographs of other people's children on social network sites without their permission.

Our promise to school is:

- We will meet with you and use the Governing Body's policies and procedures to resolve concerns.
- We will work hard to resolve any concerns in the best interest of the whole community.
- We will act in the best interest of the whole community and honour our duty of care to our children.
- We will never conduct school business through social network sites.