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Dear Parents of Year 5 children

## General use of Social Media and Online Access

I am concerned about the inappropriate content several children appear to be viewing online and on Social Media and then sharing in school.

At least one third of the class have mentioned the content they have experienced recently, both accidental and on purpose. This includes:

- Graphic pornography
- Violence
- Drugs
- Threats
- Racism

Our children in Year 5 are only 9 or 10 years old and do not have the experience or the maturity to deal with much of this content. Several have been distressed recently by the things they have heard from their peers.

As with all online content:

- please supervise your child's use
- restrict their access to apps that are not appropriate for their age
- limit their time online
- talk to them about their experiences and worries about what they see online

Hopefully it will not be long before this country follows Australia's example of banning all Social Media access to those under 16.

Should you have any concerns in this matter please contact the school office.

Yours Sincerely

Ray Moloney