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Online safety

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has recently come to our attention that a Snapchat group has been created involving a number of our Year 5 children.

Please be aware that **Snapchat is for users aged 13 and over**. These age limits are in place to protect younger children from inappropriate content, unsafe interactions, and privacy risks. Children under 13 are not yet ready to handle the pressures and responsibilities of social media use. They often lack the maturity to fully comprehend the serious and lasting consequences that can arise from their online actions.

We are also aware that some children have been filming each other within this group. This raises concerns about consent, privacy, and the lasting impact of sharing videos or images online. Such actions can have serious and unintended consequences, both for those being filmed and those sharing the content.

We ask that you support us by:

- Checking which apps your child uses and ensuring they meet age requirements.
- Talking regularly about safe and respectful online behaviour.
- Reviewing privacy settings and monitoring online activity.

The school will continue to address online safety through PSHEE and circle time, helping pupils understand how to use technology kindly and responsibly.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these important messages at home.

Yours sincerely,

The Online Safety Team



Stand tall, reach high, love learning

The Bowerham School community is proud to nurture aspiration, inspire love for life-long learning and prepare children for a changing Society.

