



CHRIST THE KING RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

With the ever changing world of technology and social media it is essential that we are all working together to keep our children safe. The digital world is an exciting place for children to explore but changing all the time. Today the Children's Commissioner published Life in 'likes', a report into social media use among 8 to 12 year olds. The report found that most social media platforms have a minimum age limit of 13, but research shows a growing number of children under 13 are using social media, with 3 in 4 children aged 10-12 having their own accounts.

The transition from primary to secondary school saw a significant change in the way children used social media and brought with it new concerns.

Positives	Negatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I can make friends ▪ I can talk to my family ▪ I feel inspired for my future ▪ I can learn how to do new things ▪ It makes me laugh and I can make other people laugh ▪ I can show my personality ▪ I can create things that other people like ▪ I can share my achievements with friends ▪ I can get help with my homework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I wonder what other people will think of me online ▪ I see, and sometimes receive, mean comments ▪ I worry about how my siblings use social media ▪ I don't know who I can trust online ▪ I see things that weren't meant for me to see ▪ I don't understand why my parents need to post pictures of me ▪ I have to be on social media because everyone else is ▪ I get scared when I think about what could happen if I am not safe on social media ▪ I am different to the people I see online ▪ I don't have anything good to post ▪ I feel jealous when I see what other people are doing and the things they have ▪ I sometimes don't know what to do when bad things happen on social media ▪ I get lots of messages even when I don't want to be on my phone

You can use the link below to read the report, alternatively we have copies in the main school office which can be read on site.

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Childrens-Commissioner-report-Life-in-likes-Jan-4-2018-.pdf>

Kind Regards,

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