



ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL

A Specialist School for Sensory Impairment and Other Needs

Thursday, 31 January 2019

Ref: JP/HW

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that following a review of our internet usage; it has been decided that we will be extending our Security Firewall Service to cover Social Networking. This will mean that our Residential pupils will be unable to access Facebook, Instagram etc via the school internet and Wifi points within school and the group areas.

If you wish your child to access Social Media while resident at school, they will need to use their own data package and on their own devices. I am asking you as parents to be responsible for any content accessed by your child on any device belonging to them such as a Smart Phone or Tablet. As such, the provision of mobile data on any device in your child's keeping will be taken as an indication of your permission.

Although we wish to have our pupils engaged with modern technology and its benefits, school cannot take responsibility for the use, misuse or loss of phones in school or group settings.

Phones will continue to be handed in each morning before school and given back at the end of school day, residents will leave their phones in group either within their own rooms or by handing them to a member of care staff.

We as a school will continue to work with our pupils to ensure they know both the dangers and threats when talking to strangers online. We do however, must insist on your home school support and collaboration to strike the all important balance between teaching, learning and safety in this modern day and age.

If you have any concerns or any questions please do not hesitate to contact school.

Please can you confirm receipt of this letter by returning the form attached

Yours Sincerely

Dr J A Patterson
Principal

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Reply Slip

I Acknowledge receipt of Letter regarding review of our internet usage

Pupil name:

Parent name:

Signed:

If you could return to School office ASAP
Thank you.