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Dear Parent/Carer

Important Information about Facebook

As part of our schools continuing commitment to e-safety, I have included some important information about Facebook.

The UK Safer Internet Centre (SWGfI) have very close working links with Facebook and the Safer Internet Centre national e-safety briefings this year, the advice was as follows:-

- It is known under 13s use Facebook and this is an on-going problem because the environment is not suitable for younger pupils. Continuing to support and educate young people is critical, but we should bear in mind the legalities of under 13s on Facebook.
- Any under 13 signing up to Facebook does so with a falsified date of birth, which is, technically, fraud, though law enforcement would never be used to deal with this problem.
- Facebook has to comply with COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act 1998). This means Facebook may not hold any details of young people under the age of 13 and they may not advertise to this group either. This legal restriction applies to Facebook regardless of where the child is signing up from (America or the rest of the world).
- **Conclusion:** Facebook is for over 13s only.

I hope you find this information useful.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Shirley Oswald

Head teacher

Stanley Crook Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

