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Dear Parents/ Carers

Y4 Social Media use including Stars messaging APP

We have been made aware of a couple of incidents related to the misuse of social media, specifically through the messaging APP Stars. These incidents involve a small group of Year 4 children where the language being used is offensive and inappropriate. In addition children are calling each other through the APP late into the night.

Stars is a private messaging platform aimed at children and families. Users can send messages, photos, videos, and voice recordings without requiring a phone number or access to a device's address book. Stars also lets users message and video chat in small private groups.

Currently, Stars does not have filters to limit content and images that may be inappropriate or harmful before they are sent. Additionally, any images or videos shared in a chat can be screenshotted or saved to that user's device. This means it's important to make sure that users only share messages and content that they are comfortable with potentially being shared or saved outside of their conversation.

We ask that you carefully monitor what your child is viewing online, and that they are reminded that they must tell you if they receive anything inappropriate from any application. As a school we strongly advise you to remove chat groups involving other children. We also recommend that phones and IPADs are kept safely away from children and away from bedrooms, particularly overnight, so that children do not have the opportunity to use them without parental supervision.

You can find out more about Stars APP here [A Guide to Staying Safe with the Stars Messaging App | SWGfL](#)

If you have any questions, please contact us through the school office on 01793 852250 or kbeard@njs.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk and we will be very happy to help.

Warm regards

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