



**Goring Church of England
(Aided) Primary School**
Faith, Love and Learning

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, we take a proactive approach to internet safety ensuring that children are taught safe practices when using mobile phones and other devices. Any incidents of inappropriate use are dealt with seriously and promptly.

It has come to my attention that a number of children have Instagram/Facebook accounts and that many are accessing Tiktok.

I urge you all to have regular conversations with your child about appropriate use of the internet and also to closely monitor their usage on a frequent basis e.g. checking Youtube history and the content of Whatsapp messages & shared video content. The level of maturity of children is not always equal to the power of the devices and the level of internet access with which we provide them, therefore appropriate parental permission/controls and ongoing guidance is essential to ensure their safety online.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that social media sites in general are recommended for use by older children (see link below)

'Instagram requires everyone to be at least **13 years old** before they can create an account (in some jurisdictions, this age limit may be higher). If your child is younger than **13** and created an account on Instagram, you can show them how to delete their account.'

[Tips for Parents | Instagram Help Center](#)

<https://help.instagram.com/154475974694511/>

Targeted internet safety lessons will be delivered in the next few weeks to reinforce previous learning.

If you have any concerns in relation to internet safety at any time in the future please contact me immediately.

Yours sincerely
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