

8th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

At Clifford Road Primary School we take your child's safety very seriously. We continue to strongly recommend that parents take note of the following minimum age restrictions on social media sites:

<u>Social Media Application</u>	<u>Minimum Age Restrictions</u>
WhatsApp	16
Twitter	13
Facebook	13
Snapchat	13
Instagram	13

For those parents who have taken the decision to allow their children to access these sites, we are passing on the following information for your immediate attention.

The following email from Suffolk Police has been forwarded to us via a Suffolk County Council advisory service.

"We have received a high volume of calls this morning in relation to social media accounts on both 'Instagram' and 'Snapchat' that are currently actively seeking young people to follow them to gain access to a video. The video contains footage of an extremely inappropriate nature involving young children. This of course holds legal complications should you open the link, send it on or store the data on any devices however we are looking to minimise the amount of young people this targets. Rest assured we are actively working to take this material down as soon as possible.

The accounts are set up using different spellings and formats however the main link is 'tanya kellock' or 'tanya k' and has an image of a young girl with blonde and brown hair depending on the account.

*Our advice is for students to NOT accept any friend requests from these accounts, to NOT correspond with these accounts and to **DELETE** any data or material immediately should this be on any handsets or tablets. Any students who are aware of this material or being in possession of this material, your safeguarding lead should be made aware in order for appropriate safeguarding action to be taken. Any students requiring advice should speak to your pastoral team at school in the first instance but please do not hesitate to contact us (Suffolk Police) should further information or guidance be required."*

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