



# Hillbourne Primary School

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*'Every Child, Every Opportunity'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been a number of issues between Year 6 peers that have originated from social media. As a result, we have delivered sessions and assemblies that have helped to address these concerns, including the following:

- What makes an online friend
- Healthy/unhealthy friendships
- The negatives and positives of using social media
- The Bystander Effect
- What to do if you receive unkind comments online
- What to consider when sending/posting content online

We would strongly encourage you to have discussions with your child about their use on social media and advise regularly checking the content they are accessing on social media if you do not do so already as this is now impacting on the learning in class. **Please monitor your child's online accounts and activity carefully.**

Where there is evidence of repeated or deliberate online behaviour that breaches our expectations, this will be addressed in line with the school's Behaviour Policy. Such incidents may result in further sanctions, including formal suspension where appropriate.

[hillbourne-behaviour-policy-2025-2026.docx](#)

[Anti-Bullying-Policy-2025-2026-1.pdf](#)

Please find below some helpful links:

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

[Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust](#)

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If you have any concerns regarding your child's use of social media, require any support or guidance on social media, please contact the school to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our safeguarding team.

Yours Sincerely,

*Laura Bennett*

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