



SPARKEN HILL
ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Reminder to parents about social networking sites

As we all know, social networking sites such as 'Facebook' are widely used and enjoyed by the majority of parents and older children. However, sometimes these sites are used to publicly discuss matters which may include personal disagreements between children at the school or for parents' to vent frustration about school matters.

We work hard to create a safe and happy environment for our staff and our children. Should any parent have concerns about either their child, or the school in general, I would urge them to contact us so that we can attempt to put things right rather than to approach parents directly via social media / directly.

You may not be aware that comments made on social networking sites about an individual can be considered to be 'defamatory' and lead to the onset of legal action being taken against those who made them, therefore I feel it is important to remind users of social networking sites to bear this in mind before posting comments.

Social networking sites are not as 'private' as we might like to think and careless or inconsiderate use of these sites can cause unnecessary distress to the individuals concerned, or have an adverse impact on the school in general, or both and this is something the school seeks to avoid.

Thank you all for your co-operation in this matter.

With my very best wishes,

Principal



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