

Milverton Primary School

Friday 16th April 2010

Dear Parents of children in Year 5 and 6

E-SAFETY - FACEBOOK

It has been recently brought to our attention that a significant number of children at Milverton are currently using Facebook and have created their own accounts.

We would like to make you aware of the following information which we have copied from the Facebook website:

'Statement of Rights and Responsibilities

1. Registration and Account Security

Facebook users provide their real names and information, and we need your help to keep it that way. Here are some commitments you make to us relating to registering and maintaining the security of your account:

- 1. You will not provide any false personal information on Facebook, or create an account for anyone other than yourself without permission.***
- 2. You will not use your personal profile for your own commercial gain (such as selling your status update to an advertiser).***
- 3. You will not use Facebook if you are under 13.'***

'Facebook Privacy Policy

No information from children under age 13. If you are under age 13, please do not attempt to register for Facebook or provide any personal information about yourself to us. If we learn that we have collected personal information from a child under age 13, we will delete that information as quickly as possible.'

We are sure that you will agree that the rules are clear and that any Milverton child with a Facebook account has clearly broken these rules and supplied false information in setting up their account.

We urge you to have a discussion about Facebook with your child and take appropriate action where necessary. The BBC website (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/onlinesafety>) has links to many resources associated with e-safety, some of which we use in school. I am sure that I do not need to remind you of the potential vulnerable situation children can put themselves in when using social networking sites such as Facebook inappropriately. In creating an account without the right privacy settings children can very easily make personal information available to anyone.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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