



Most forms of social media such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Skype etc. operate under a terms of usage policy requiring users to be at least 13 years of age. The purpose of this age limit is to allow students to have reached an age where they have developed a better awareness of the consequences of their actions online and of the potential dangers on the internet. For this reason, APS does not endorse or encourage the usage of these accounts.

We understand that some parents may permit the use of these accounts but it is strongly advised that they supervise their child's activity. It is important to remember that your child cannot upload photos of other students to the internet without the prior permission of the parents/guardians of all of the children in the picture. Permission cannot be granted by the students themselves as they are under the age of consent for these social media platforms.

In the interest of internet safety APS requests that students do not upload pictures of themselves or others wearing school uniform or displaying other indicators that may provide their location online, potentially to unwelcome persons.

Our e-learning leaders are currently working on a blog that will outline the potential issues facing primary school aged students as everyday users of the internet. This blog will provide information explaining potential hazards associated with the use of netbooks and social media, and provide parents with advice to manage these issues. We aim to have this project available to parents later in the year.

