

# SOCIAL MEDIA SITE INFORMATION





Dear Parents & Guardians,








The following information has been put together to ensure all parents and guardians are aware of the content, actions, restrictions and privacy settings on current social media Apps and Websites.








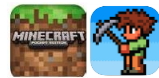
This information has been collated based on social media Apps and sites that some students in Years 3 - 6 are currently using.

At Milgate, we are committed to providing safe, online experiences for all students. We believe that keeping up to date with current social media is an important part of creating safe and secure digital practice.

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<p><b>Instagram</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Instagram is for users 13 years and over</b></li> <li>• Instagram is a free photo sharing program</li> <li>• Users can upload photos and add effects</li> <li>• The photos are then added to their profile and shared with their followers</li> <li>• Users 'follow' other users and can look at, 'like' and comment on photos</li> <li>• Instagram is an app that can be used on iOS and Android</li> <li>• Privacy settings can be put on so that users can accept, reject or block followers</li> <li>• <b><u>It is important to ensure users only accept people they know as 'followers'</u></b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Snapchat</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>App for iPhones, iPads and Android that is 13+.</b></li> <li>• When the user sets up app on phone, the app accesses your contacts to load friends to the application</li> <li>• Users send photos to other subscribers with a time limit of between 1-10 seconds that the photo to be displayed</li> <li>• Once this time limit is up the photo is deleted</li> <li>• Users are notified if there has been a screen grab taken by the other subscriber. However, the photo cannot be deleted on the subscriber's phone</li> <li>• As photos disappear after the allocated time there is no evidence left over if photos sent have been inappropriate or nasty</li> <li>• By default, anyone who knows your username or phone number can send you a message. Users can change settings to private</li> <li>• Subscribers can be blocked</li> </ul>
<p><b>Clash of the Clans</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• App for iPads, iPhones and Android.</li> <li>• Game where 'clans' fight against other 'clans'</li> <li>• In each clan there is chat room where you can chat with other clan members. Only members of this clan can chat</li> <li>• There is also a 'Global Chat' room where anyone can post – this cannot be turned off. This is accessible to everyone who plays 'Clash of the Clans'</li> <li>• Clan members can be invited or removed by the person who has created the 'clan'.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Facebook</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facebook is for users 13 years and over</b></li> <li>• Facebook allows users to have 'friends'</li> <li>• These friends can write on walls, comment on statuses and pictures</li> <li>• Users can update their status and add photos to their profile and write private messages to other people</li> <li>• It is important to ensure users only request or accept people that they know as 'friends'</li> <li>• Facebook is a website and an app</li> <li>• There are extensive privacy settings on Facebook</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Facebook continually changes account settings. It is important to regularly check privacy settings.</u></b></p>

<p><b>Twitter</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twitter requires users to enter into a <b>legal agreement</b> when they sign up. <b>Under-18s are forbidden from entering contractual agreements until the age of 18 without the expressed permission of a parent or guardian</b></li> <li>• Twitter users write short messages of no more than 140 characters called 'tweets'</li> <li>• Twitter users have followers and can follow other users, reading their tweets.</li> <li>• Twitter is a website and an app</li> <li>• Tweets can be set to private so that users can reject or accept followers and keep their tweets private</li> </ul>
<p><b>Flipagram</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ages 13+</b></li> <li>• iOS and Android App</li> <li>• Creates an interactive photo album by putting photos and music together</li> <li>• <b>Can post videos to profile and share through a variety of other social media sites including: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp</b></li> <li>• If user chooses not to share it will automatically saved to their Photos</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kik</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Instant messenger app for iOS rated 17+</b></li> <li>• To set up a Kik account users must provide their first name, last name, email address and phone number</li> <li>• Can send photos to other users</li> <li>• Kik displays first name, last name, username and profile picture to the public</li> <li>• Can block unwanted people</li> <li>• <b>This site has a 'Suggested Friends Feature'. This uses users address book to find people. It gets all of the phone numbers and email addresses from the users address book and put them on Kik's server. If there is a phone number or email address that matches that Kik member's details are sent to the user. This feature is optional - the user is asked when setting up their account</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Oovoo</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oovoo is a video chat app, similar to Skype</li> <li>• It is an app for smartphones and is also a website</li> <li>• Photos can be taken <b>by either party</b> during a video call</li> <li>• <b>Privacy is automatically set for an open account when account is first created</b></li> <li>• Privacy settings can be changed to so photos can't be taken, gender isn't available, only people who know oovoo ID can contact user and videos don't automatically start when there is a call</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pic Collage</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pic Collage is an App where users create collages with their own pictures, photos from the web, words and stickers</li> <li>• Users can create an account and share their collages with followers</li> <li>• <b>Users do not need to create an account</b></li> <li>• If users create an account it will automatically be set to public. Users need to enable privacy settings</li> <li>• In order to disable an account, the user needs to contact 'Pic Collage'</li> <li>• Followers can 'like' and 'respond' (comment) on collages</li> <li>• Users can 'unfollow'</li> </ul>
<p><b>WhatsApp</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile messaging/chatting app for smartphones</li> <li>• <b>Data sent through is not encrypted, meaning anyone on the same wifi network can read the information (text, photos and videos) being sent. There is an app (Whatsapp Sniffer) that allows this to occur even more easily</b></li> <li>• All conversations are saved on a database, and the location, if GPS is set up on the device</li> </ul>
<p><b>WeChat</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For users aged 13+</li> <li>• Users can send instant messages, make video calls and chat live</li> <li>• <b>'Shake Feature' - users literally shake the device and it connects to users in the area who do the same. The users are not 'Friends', they are complete strangers</b></li> <li>• Wechat connects to Facebook, which allows users to share photos on both social media platforms</li> <li>• Can disable 'Find me by phone no.', 'Find Mobile Contacts', 'Find Me by My Wechat ID'</li> <li>• Can block users</li> </ul>

Facebook Messenger		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stand-alone app for smartphones</li> <li>• Instant messaging</li> <li>• Can share photos and message friends of friends</li> <li>• GPS settings allow other users to see location</li> </ul>
PSN		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online gaming account.</li> <li>• There are 2 different types of accounts: Sub and Master accounts.</li> <li>• <b>Master accounts are only for 18+. This allows users to play M+ rated games online</b></li> <li>• Sub accounts can be created which prevents users to play M rated games</li> <li>• Privacy can be set up so that users can only accept messages from Friends, Friends of Friends or no-one</li> </ul>
Xbox Live		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online gaming account</li> <li>• <b>There is no age limit on Xbox Live – If users input their correct age it will restrict games, however if they input a false age, games/ features etc. will not be restricted</b></li> <li>• Default privacy settings for children and teens include: blocked friend acceptance, video communication, purchasing, profile viewing and explicit music</li> </ul>
YouTube		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• App and website for videos – both sharing and watching</li> <li>• Users can post comments on videos watched and rate them</li> <li>• Users do not need an account to watch videos</li> <li>• If a user sets up an account there are many restrictions that can be set</li> <li>• Comments can be disabled on users videos</li> <li>• Safety mode can be enabled, which hides videos with inappropriate content</li> </ul>
iMessage		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instant messenger service for iOS devices.</li> <li>• Messages are sent using Wi-Fi</li> <li>• Users can send messages, photos, links, videos and contacts.</li> <li>• An email account is required to set up iMessage</li> <li>• iMessage can be turned off in 'Settings' - 'Messages'. Parents can then enable 'Don't Allow Changes' in Restrictions/Accounts to keep iMessage disabled.</li> </ul>
Skype		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skype is a communication device where users communicate by voice, video and instant messaging</li> <li>• Skype users can receive calls from people that are not on your contact list. This can be disabled through the 'options' menu</li> <li>• Users can disable the ability for anybody to search for their contact information on the Web</li> <li>• <b>Skype is an app and downloadable program.</b></li> </ul>
Game Centre		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Game Centre is on all iOS devices</li> <li>• It uses the same ID as users Apple account</li> <li>• Users have friends that users can compete against each other</li> <li>• Users can make status updates, similar to Facebook</li> <li>• Parental restrictions can be enforced to disable friend feature</li> </ul>
Various Gaming Apps		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minecraft, Terraria and Steam all have areas to chat</li> <li>• Minecraft and Terraria – if it is in multiplayer mode, anyone can join the game and chat. If users are using the same network, they can also chat.</li> <li>• Steam – Has 'Friends' who can watch games and chat. It is similar to PSN and Xbox Live.</li> </ul>

**Please sign the form below and return to the school.**

**Social Media Site Information**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

in class \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge I have received the information provided on social media Apps and websites.

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_