



# Vivekanand School

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## Addressing Concerns about Students' Social Media Usage

Dear Parents (Classes 6-8),

We are reaching out to you regarding a pressing issue related to social media usage by students, specifically on platforms like Instagram and Facebook. Recently, our school has encountered instances of students engaging in inappropriate online behavior, including bullying, sharing offensive content, and using derogatory language towards their peers. These activities have led to considerable emotional distress and disruptions among students.

It is essential that, as parents and educators, we work together to guide our children in navigating the digital world responsibly. Here are some key points we strongly advise:

- 1. Unregister Children Under 13:** As per the established policies of both Facebook and Instagram, users must be at least 13 years of age to participate on these platforms. We urge parents to adhere to these guidelines and ensure that children under 13 are promptly deregistered if they currently have accounts on these platforms. This step is crucial for their safety and compliance with platform policies.
- 2. Avoid Providing Personal Mobile Phones:** We strongly advise parents not to provide personal mobile phones to children at this stage. Unrestricted access to mobile devices can lead to misuse, impacting both their academic focus and social development.

3. **Encourage Open Communication**: We recommend that parents regularly discuss the importance of respectful online behavior with their children. Emphasize the potential consequences of inappropriate online actions, such as bullying or sharing offensive content, both for themselves and others.

4. **Set Time Limits on Internet Use**: We suggest establishing clear limits on internet use, especially for recreational purposes. Encouraging a balanced routine that includes offline activities can help students focus on academics and personal growth without excessive digital distractions.

Please note, if any such inappropriate behavior is reported to the school, strict disciplinary action will be taken against the student involved, in accordance with our school's code of conduct. We take these matters very seriously and are committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all students.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Warm regards,

**Principal (Officiating)**