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### **Social Networking Sites**

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Guillemont Junior School, we take the e- safety of our children as being of paramount importance. At school the children's internet safety is protected by filters put in place by Hampshire County Council.

However, it has become apparent that children from Guillemont School are opening accounts on Social Networking sites such as Facebook, from home.

The age for holding an account with most of these sites is 13. In some cases the children's accounts are completely open and have no security settings in place. This means anyone can see their personal information and photographs. There have been reports of the sites being used for cyber-bullying at a neighbouring school.

There have been several incidents where staff have been asked to become friends of pupils, the advice given to all staff is not to accept these requests, however innocent they may be.

I have attached an information flyer onto this letter to give parents guidance and advice on how to make sure that their children are safe online.

If you need any further advice then please feel free to come in and talk to me.

Mrs Amanda Matheson  
ICT Leader