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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Information for Parents and Carers: UK Government Announcement on Social Media Access for Under-16s**

You may have seen media coverage today regarding the UK Government's plans to introduce restrictions on access to social media platforms for children under the age of 16. The proposed measures form part of a wider strategy to improve online safety and protect young people from harmful online content and interactions.

The Government has indicated that the restrictions are expected to apply to major social media platforms and will be supported by enhanced age-verification measures. Further details, including the legislation and implementation arrangements, are expected to be published over the coming months, with the changes not anticipated to take effect until 2027.

At present, there is no immediate change for pupils or families. However, we encourage all parents and carers to continue taking an active interest in their child's online activity, promoting safe and responsible use of technology and making use of parental controls where appropriate.

At CSS, we remain committed to championing online safety and digital wellbeing through our curriculum, safeguarding and pastoral support. We will continue to monitor developments and share any relevant information with families as further guidance becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our school community develop safe and positive online choices.

Yours faithfully

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