



# JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians

## **Responsible Use of Social Media**

1. While the use of social media has become ubiquitous in our daily lives, its use and its potential abuse may pose significant challenges and dangers, especially to our students.
2. It has been brought to our attention that a segment of our students is active on or have interactions with certain unsavoury channels on various social media platforms. These interactions include severely inappropriate discussions and often, involve exposure to pornography and other illegal as well as age-inappropriate materials.
3. While the school has several safeguards and guidance programmes such as
  - a. the **Device Management Application**, installed on all Personal Learning Devices (PLDs), which restricts students' access to unsavoury applications and websites, including all social media platforms;
  - b. A comprehensive **Character and Citizenship Education (CCE)** programme that includes **Cyber Wellness** and **Sexual Education**;
  - c. A strict **No Handphone Policy** during curriculum hours,it is inevitable that some of our students choose to explore such unsavoury channels out of curiosity or peer influence.
4. The school takes a strong stance on the matter guided by our values, particularly, Respect, Integrity, and Empathy. Each case of misuse will be thoroughly investigated with the necessary and appropriate consequence meted out to students. In specific cases, including cases involving the circulation of pornographic material, the school is obliged to report the matter to the police.
5. I would like to encourage you to have conversations with your children and set expectations and rules surrounding your children's use of the internet, especially social media platforms. Consistent messaging both at home and in school would go a long way in educating our students on the responsible and appropriate use of social media.
6. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

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Principal