

Dear Parents,

### **Subject: Influence of Facebook on children**

It has been noted for some time that mostly all the students of the school are involved in the use of Facebook on the Internet as their pastime at home. While we are aware that you may have given permission to them for its access and use, we feel the need to remind you of the following facts:

- It is not *permissible* to own a Facebook account unless the account holder is 13 years of age. Children often enter their wrong year of birth to get access to this social networking website. This develops the habit of dishonesty in them from a very early age.
- Furthermore, most of the content available for use on Facebook is very inappropriate for children who are not mature enough to handle or understand the functions in a suitable way. This often leads to exposure to a number of items which they do not comprehend completely and only gain the negative repercussions of such a utility.
- Use of this website also makes our children accessible and vulnerable to adults who might not have the same values and morals we try and inculcate in our children's impressionable minds. Unknowingly they are the target of people engaged in unsuitable activities which are the least desirable by us for our children to be involved in.
- Children using Facebook pick up inappropriate vocabulary and pass it on to their friends and classmates, which is repeated in the classrooms making other children who are non-users of this website, informed and exposed to vulgar words entirely unnecessary for their understanding at this age. Messages are exchanged, the connotations of which are not fully understood either by the sender or the receiver, resulting in confusion and misunderstanding between friends and peers.

Please be aware that the disadvantages far outnumber the advantages of having such an account. It is our belief at Pristine that it is an unhealthy activity for children of a tender age. There are many other interactive and healthy educational and entertainment websites available for children that are suited to their mental level and interest.

We would appreciate your counsel to your children in this matter and expect to see the outcome of such an effort in our school very soon.

Thank you,

The Management