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Dear Parent and carers,

I am writing to you to ask for your support in keeping your child safe. We have become aware of a number of Instagram accounts that have been created recently with the specific function of posting inappropriate and unkind messages about students and staff. The groups have a variety of names but most have the word 'rumours' in the title.

I ask that you start an open and honest conversation with your child about their social media usage and specifically check the groups that they follow on Instagram, as a rule there should not be anything on your child's phone that they are not willing to show you. Instagram's terms of use in the UK say that anyone under the age of 13 should not have an account. If they do follow these accounts, we are asking that you help you child delete and unfollow these accounts to help us keep all of our children safe in our school.

Holyrood Academy does have an official Instagram site where we publishes important events for student's and celebrate success.

Thank you for your on-going support in keeping our students safe

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