Thursday 13th January 2021
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14th of January 2021

Dear Ms Bruce,

I am writing to you for an important topic, social media. It is my belief that children (especially aged 10 and upwards) should not be allowed to use social media platforms like tik tok and instagram. Nowadays, children are on social media platforms for too long, which could affect their mental health. My fellow peers also agree with me and I am trying to make you agree with my statement as well. Please continue reading this letter as I point out important reasons that support my belief.

Social media can develop mental health issues and anxiety. In March 2018, it was reported that more than a third of generation z from a survey of 1000 individuals stated that they were quitting social media for good, as 41 percent stated that social media platforms make them feel sad, anxious or depressed. Figures discovered that each school day, children are on social media for 3 hours which disrupts mental health, for example can have poor concentration. This shows how people reacted negatively to social media, and how it affected them.

Meeting new people is good, however, that person may not be who they say they are. Meeting strangers online can be very dangerous. Just like you don't talk to strangers on the streets, it should be the exact same thing online on social media. Strangers may pose as close friends, distant family members, or simply a person in need without much effort. This is an easy way to make kind-hearted people who just want to help others, into victims. People can hack you online which can affect you in many ways, emotionally, financially or even physically. It was discovered that 32% of online teens have been contacted by a complete stranger. The internet (social media like tik tok and instagram) is a playground for

people who want to commit identity theft and financial fraud. This proves how risky social media can be and how it could affect one's life.

Recently, there has been a large amount of cyberbullying occurring online. Cyberbullying gives a result of isolation, depression, fear, poor concentration, decreased self-esteem and confidence. In 2020, 73% of students feel they have been bullied in their lifetime. If this bullying carries on for a long period of time, if the situation goes undetected, It can lead to serious situations. If this happened to your own child, how would you feel, and if you were in your child's shoes, how would you also feel.

To conclude, in my opinion, social media platforms should not be allowed to be used by children aged 10 and upwards. This is due to the fact that it could cause cyberbullying, mental health issues, financial fraud as well as being deceived by people online as a grown person can pretend to be someone else.

I now hope you have been persuaded by this letter that social media for young people should not be permitted.

Thank you for taking notice of this letter.

Yours sincerely, Unaizah.