To: All Parent/Carers

It has come to our attention that recently entries have been placed on Facebook by parents which made derogatory comments about staff and pupils in general which were abusive and untrue.

This is also applicable to any “likes” and thread comments which relate, and in any way support, the original entry.

While anyone is obviously free to use social networks to express views on their children or the school, they must expect the school governors to challenge them through the appropriate legal channels if their comments are untrue and slanderous. It is the duty of the governors to protect pupils and staff from abusive comments and to preserve the reputation of the school.

We must point out that incidents such as this are rare but feel that the governors need to make clear that they will not let such inappropriate use of social networks go unchallenged. Normally the concerns of parents/carers are solved quite simply by contacting their child’s teacher or the Head of School, Mrs V Sherwood. Should parents not be satisfied after this, they can contact the Executive Head, Mrs C Garbutt, and if they still have concerns they may follow the school’s complaint procedure, which can be found on the school website or in reception.

St Thomas’ has always been a caring school where the safety of children is of prime concern. We will make every effort to satisfy any concerns of parents/carers.

I trust that all parents and carers will use social media in the appropriate way, as the vast majority do now. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mrs V Sherwood
Head of School

Rev A Brewerton
Chair of Governors