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Re: Year 5- WhatsApp groups

Dear Parent/Carer

We have been made aware of an incident involving some of our Year 5 pupils who are on various WhatsApp groups.

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents that if your child has a phone and uses WhatsApp or other online communication apps such as Snapchat and Instagram then we would recommend that you check their phones/devices periodically to make sure that the content of conversations is appropriate for 10-11 year old children.

In school, we educate the children about E Safety but issues such as this are unfortunately out of our control.

Please note that WhatsApp is a part of Facebook/Meta and their website states: 'As of May 2018, WhatsApp's minimum age of use is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, or a country that has adopted the GDPR, as the UK has.'

Please be vigilant and monitor what your child is doing on the internet or their phones. It is not an invasion of their privacy; you will be helping them to stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Senior Leadership Team

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