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Thursday 23rd January 2025

SOCIAL MEDIA: WHATSAPP MESSAGING

Dear Parents/Carers of Year Five,

During this last week, we have been provided evidence of screen-shots of group messaging between pupils in the year group, which are of an inappropriate nature.

In particular, there is a group chat where messaging is unacceptable - this includes friendship issues, inappropriate language and repeatedly adding others without permission.

Whilst I have been in close communication with individual children and parents/carers of pupils involved, I feel it is important to raise this with the wider Year Five community, as I am well aware that the majority of pupils have access to mobile phones and Whatsapp.

I understand the complexities of navigating and supporting children with apps and social media - the platforms and media change at such a quick rate, it is difficult to keep up. However, in saying this, my first and best suggestion would be to speak to your child about their involvement in Whatsapp groups and conversations.

Please can I ask that you spend some time checking Whatsapp with your child and discussing the messaging groups they are currently on.

Please also note:

Legal age in the UK: About minimum age to use WhatsApp

If you live in a country in the European Economic Area (which includes the European Union), and any other included country or territory (collectively referred to as the [European Region](#)), you must be at least 16 years old (or such greater age required in your country) to register for and use WhatsApp.

If you live in any other country except those in the [European Region](#), you must be at least 13 years old (or such greater age required in your country) to register for and use WhatsApp.

Source: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/695318248185629>

We appreciate parents/carers providing screenshots of conversations as this helps with identifying and supporting the right pupils and their parents/carers.

If you have any concerns or questions about this letter, please contact the school.
Many thanks for your on-going support with this issue.

Kind regards,



Mr Carter
Headteacher