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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y5/6 WhatsApp Group

It has been brought to the school's attention that the above WhatsApp group has seen activity over recent days which has included some extremely inappropriate language, including swearing, and extremely hurtful comments. Whilst this group is organised entirely outside school, and therefore entirely outside our ability to control, we have a duty of care to make you aware that this has taken place and ask for parental support to ensure that the children are not exposed to such content again.

There are a number of steps it would be wise for you to take in relation to this group and of course any social media groups your child may be part of: -

- 1). If you do not already do so, regularly check your child's phone and what they are being exposed to, and what they are posting on social media sites.
- 2). Have a discussion with your child to ensure they are aware of the actions they should take if they see something on a social media site they are unhappy with - essentially take a screenshot and show a parent.
- 3). Carefully consider if your child should remain as part of this group - bearing in mind it is not overseen by adults and the legal age is 16.

We understand the offensive posts have since been deleted and that there are a number of deleted posts, which is worrying in itself; however your child, like some we are aware of, may well have seen and read the content prior to it being deleted.

In school, please be assured that we have lessons planned and a workshop on the 20th of March about social media in the Y5/6 timetable and are looking to book a visit from one of the Police Community Support Officers to talk to the Y5/6 children about the legalities of social media and their responsibilities when they post and when they read something that is not appropriate. This is not to pinpoint individuals, but to ensure the children know the potential consequences of the misuse of social media.

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