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### **Use of WhatsApp at home**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been brought to the school's attention that there has been some further activity on WhatsApp over recent days by certain individuals which has included some hurtful comments. Whilst these events are taking place 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 if you are concerned about any social media contacts your child may have: -

- 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). If your child has/does receive any such comments via WhatsApp or any other social media site, block the number/content and take a screenshot as evidence of what has taken place. .

In school, please be assured that we continue to have regular teaching content about how to stay safe online and what the children should do if they are unhappy about anything they receive.

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