



Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, as a school we have sent regular reminders regarding the appropriate use of social media. Despite this correspondence, we continue to find that Year 6 children are having inappropriate communications on platforms such as WhatsApp. This causes problems in school where children become upset and inform us of conversations outside of school, online. We are sure that you appreciate, now more than ever, children's mental health and wellbeing is a high priority – as is learning and progress. We ask for parents support in this matter so that teachers are not spending too much time focussing on this.

We had some issues yesterday which meant that, as part of our safeguarding procedures, we needed to look at some of the conversations children were having on WhatsApp. This relates to WhatsApp groups that contained children currently in school and at home, across the year group. We were shocked to see the language and unkind nature of children's posts towards each other. We urge parents to closely monitor the interactions on social media.

We will be contacting individual parents to discuss this further.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

The Senior Leadership Team



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