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Use of WhatsApp (KS2)

Dear Families,

We are writing to make families aware that it has come to our attention that there is a large WhatsApp group chat involving a number of our Key Stage 2 pupils.

We would like to remind parents and carers that **WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 13 years** and as such it is not appropriate for primary-aged children to be using this platform. Children of this age are not yet equipped to manage group messaging responsibly or safely without close adult supervision.

From experience in school, we know that issues arising from group chats can have a significant impact on:

- children's well-being and emotional safety
- friendships and social times in school, including playtimes
- readiness for learning and concentration in class

Conflicts, unkind messages, misunderstandings or pressure to engage online often carry over into the school day and can be upsetting and difficult for children to manage.

For these reasons, we strongly recommend that children do not have access to WhatsApp or similar group messaging services. Where children do have access to mobile phones or devices, we ask that parents closely monitor all phone and online use, including group chats and messaging apps, and regularly talk to children about safe, respectful behaviour online.

We appreciate your support in helping us to safeguard pupils and maintain a positive learning environment for all children.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Van Straaten
Headteacher

