

Tuesday 2nd November

Year 5 WhatsApp Groups

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past two days, we have been contacted by several parents regarding a WhatsApp group set up by year 5 pupils.

Whilst we realise that how children use phones outside the school is something for parents to discuss with their children, it is our role to deal with anything that comes into school. Therefore we will, as a school, get involved if there is any unkindness or if other children or teachers are mentioned in a disparaging way.

We would like to remind you that the legal age for a WhatsApp account is 16, therefore none of our children should have access to this app. If, however, you decide that your child is allowed this app, please ensure that you are monitoring their communication regularly and educating your child on the safe and appropriate use of this app.

It is also our role to educate the children with regards to online safety but it is essential that we all work together to ensure our children are safe at all times.

We have enclosed a WhatsApp parent leaflet for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gareth Bailey
Head teacher

Miss Bethany Maidment
Deputy Head teacher