

Friday 27th January 2023

Year 5 & 6 WhatsApp Groups

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been contacted by several parents and had numerous conversations with worried children regarding several issues involving messaging and groups setup on WhatsApp.

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 always safe.

We have enclosed a WhatsApp parent leaflet for your information.

Yours sincerely,

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