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Dear Year 5 Parents and Carers,

Re: Whatsapp Concerns

I am writing to raise an important concern that has recently come to our attention regarding the use of WhatsApp among some of our Year 5 children.

We have noticed an increase in friendship issues and emotional upset stemming from conversations taking place in group chats outside of school hours. These chats, particularly on WhatsApp, have unfortunately led to misunderstandings, unkind comments, and arguments that are then brought into school the next day.

Many of the children involved are feeling overwhelmed, and we have seen a rise in emotional responses and conflict among the girls in particular. As a result, staff have been spending a considerable amount of time helping children navigate the fall-out from these conversations.


We would like to respectfully remind parents and carers that the **minimum age for using WhatsApp is 13**, and there are very good reasons for this age restriction. Social media and messaging apps require a level of emotional maturity and digital responsibility that many primary-aged children are still developing. Without this, it becomes all too easy for misunderstandings to escalate or for children to say things they might not fully understand the impact of.

We are asking for your support in helping the children enjoy healthy, respectful friendships by monitoring and guiding their use of technology at home. Where possible, we encourage you to consider whether your child really needs access to group messaging apps at this stage, and to have open conversations with them about safe and kind communication.

We will continue to support the children in school with online safety awareness. Your partnership in this is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher