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Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

Re: Whatsapp Concerns

Firstly, we would like to say how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 pupils. Their SATs results have been outstanding, and it is clear that all their hard work, perseverance, and commitment have truly paid off. We have seen phenomenal progress across all subjects, and today is very much a time for celebration and recognition of their achievements.

However, we do need to address a concern that has come to our attention in recent days regarding the use of WhatsApp and group messaging amongst some children in Year 6.

We have been made aware of a number of group chats that children have been added to, which have unfortunately led to unkind and, in some cases, quite concerning and threatening messages being exchanged. We understand that not all children are involved, and we greatly appreciate the support of families in managing their child's online behaviour.

At school, we are continuing to raise awareness about the importance of a positive and respectful online presence, and the significant impact that unkind or inappropriate messages can have on others. As many of you will know, the legal age for WhatsApp use is 13. This age limit exists because of the level of responsibility and maturity required to navigate online communication, particularly in large group settings where tone and intent can easily be misunderstood.

We are very keen to ensure that these final weeks of primary school remain positive and enjoyable for everyone. We would therefore strongly encourage parents to discuss this issue with their children, and consider removing WhatsApp or at the very least helping their child to leave large or unnecessary group chats.

We understand that phones will not be permitted at the Year 6 prom, which we feel is a very sensible and supportive decision that will help all children to enjoy the evening without distractions.





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If you have any concerns or would like to speak to me further about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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