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Dear Year 5 and Year 6 Parents/Carers,

We are writing to make you aware of a concern that has recently been brought to our attention regarding the use of a WhatsApp group involving Year 6 pupils. We have been informed that inappropriate language was exchanged within the group.

We want to reassure you that this matter is being taken very seriously and is being handled through our safeguarding procedures. We have taken appropriate steps, including seeking advice from relevant agencies and contacting the police for guidance.

WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 16 and is therefore not recommended for primary-aged children. We ask that you speak to your child about the importance of using digital platforms safely and responsibly. Please monitor their messages, particularly in group chats, and ensure they know how to report any content that makes them uncomfortable. To support you in safeguarding your child online, we have included links with guidance on adjusting phone settings so children cannot be added to group chats without permission:

Online Safety

www.internetmatters.org
www.getsafeonline.org
www.ineqe.com
www.reportharmfulcontent.com
www.thinkuknow.co.uk www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

Action Fraud

www.actionfraud.police.uk

Cyber Career Framework

www.cybersecuritycouncil.org.uk/careers-and-learning/cyber-career-framework

National Cyber Security Centre

www.ncsc.gov.uk

Additionally, we have invited a police officer who specialises in cybersafety to run a workshop for parents on Wednesday 11th February at 6pm. We strongly encourage you to attend this session to gain practical advice on protecting your child online. If your child has been affected or if you have any concerns about online behaviour, please contact us so we can provide support.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us safeguard all children in our school community.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Everett and Mr Feldon
Co-Heads of School



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