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WhatsApp

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Dear Parents,

It has been brought to our attention that there have recently been several incidents related to the misuse of WhatsApp. I wanted to inform you that these incidents are involving many of our Year 6 children who are part of a WhatsApp chat group. Some of the conversations have been deemed not appropriate and are happening very late into the evening and then beginning again early in the morning.

We appreciate that we live in a technological world and that apps such as WhatsApp are therefore part of it. Many people use WhatsApp as they find the chat application useful as it can be used on a mobile phone or tablet and allows you to send messages, images and videos to friends. You can have one to one and group conversations.

This letter is to make you aware that your child may be using WhatsApp without your knowledge and you should be mindful that the minimum age for WhatsApp is 16 or over.

Schools teach children how to keep themselves safe on-line, and are able to tell you what they should and shouldn't do. However, statistically it has been found that this is not always put into practise their actions. Therefore, we suggest that you carefully monitor what your child is viewing online, especially activities involving social media, and that they are reminded that they must tell you if they receive anything inappropriate.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs C Talbot
(Head Teacher)

