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RE: WhatsApp Groups

Dear Year 6 Parents/ Carers,

Recently, there have been several incidents related to the misuse of WhatsApp reported to be taking place outside of the school setting. I wanted to inform you that these incidents are involving several Year 6 children being part of chat groups, and, in the latest incident, involving children possibly from outside of our school.

WhatsApp is a chat application which can be used on a mobile phone or tablet. It lets you 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.

In the meantime, we ask that you carefully monitor your child's phone usage, and that they are reminded that they must tell you if they receive anything inappropriate from any application. As a school we strongly advise you to remove the chat groups involving other children and/or advise your child to block any person behaving in an inappropriate manner.

Without these extra measures in place, this makes our role of dealing with the day-to-day running of the school a difficult one.

Whitehall Junior School remains vigilant when it comes to online safety- we pride ourselves with safeguarding our children online. If you need further advice, please come and speak to me.

Yours in education,
Mrs A. Moloji
Headteacher