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RE: WhatsApp Group Issues



Dear Year 6 Parents/ Carers,

As some of you will already be aware, especially as we are having ongoing conversations with you about issues that have resulted from a WhatsApp group in which your child is involved, we are appealing for your support once again. What you may not be aware of is that because of growing need within our Year 6 cohort, behavioural/academic/social, we have restaffed Year 6 to create a five-way split.

Year 6 is a crucial year, not only due to SATs exams being undertaken in May 26, but more importantly, because we aim to give all of our children the best foundations before transferring onto their respective secondary schools. However, at present, we appear to be spending the bulk of our time dealing with social media issues (that have taken place outside of school) but are impacting on children's interactions with their peers in school.

I must stress that this is a small proportion of the Year 6 cohort but no sooner have we dealt with one matter, another is reported almost days later. This needs to stop and we can only enforce this with your help and co-operation.

This week, I have been alerted, once again, to various WhatsApp groups that are being created by Year 6s and to which several of our Year 6 pupils belong. Within a particular group, called '**WHS group**', other members of Year 6 can be seen adding other pupils to the group. We cannot and certainly will not be policing your children's phones but we ask that you do.

Previous WhatsApp group issues this year have involved particular children being singled out in what could be perceived as an attempt to bully and humiliate these individuals. I wanted to

inform you of this as there are multiple children commenting on this platform (names and numbers clearly identifiable), at times using inappropriate language, and this has to be stamped out now.

I am therefore asking that you check your child's mobile phones this weekend to ensure that they are not a part of the Whitehall Junior WhatsApp groups as I will be carrying out an internal investigation based on some screenshots recently received from concerned parents. So as not to be implicated further, I would suggest that you remove your child from the groups and talk to them about the manner in which they are participating in these chat groups.

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 13 or over.

Attached, a useful WhatsApp Guide for parents that may prove helpful.

As a school, we strongly advise you to remove the chat groups involving other children, especially this 'WHS group' and/or advise your child to block any person behaving in an inappropriate manner. Our school remains vigilant when it comes to appropriate use of devices and we will certainly not tolerate any bullying.

If you need further advice, please come and speak to me or talk to the Year 6 teachers during the parent-teacher meetings next week.

Yours in education,

Mrs A. Mloi

Headteacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead