

Thursday 18th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Social Media Parent Alert

We were informed this morning of a WhatsApp group in year 6 called 'silly people' and we believe your child is or was a part of the group. It is clear from what we have seen, that inappropriate, and at times sexualised language, has been verbalised in this group and your child may or may not have been exposed to that.

We strongly urge you to check your child's device and all their social media accounts tonight and speak to them about what they may have seen or heard. It is essential that parents monitor and manage their children's social media accounts, particularly WhatsApp, to prevent them seeing or hearing things which are not age appropriate and potentially emotionally damaging.

As a school we have taken the necessary steps in line with our behaviour policy, however this does not replace your duties and responsibilities as parents in making sure your children are protected from harm online. If you would like to discuss this matter further please don't hesitate to contact me. There is some useful advice for parents below on how to support your children's safety online;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Best Wishes



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