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Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

It has been brought to my attention that some of our year 6 children have been posting messages on WhatsApp that have caused upset. Many of the messages are unkind and at times quite personal. The groups that I have seen are large and have lots of children in them from across the year group. The 'admin' for some of these groups have deleted the groups – I have explained to the children that these messages still exist.

I have spoken to all the Year 6 children today and reminded them about the recommended age ratings for the popular apps that lots of them have access to.

WhatsApp 13+  
Facebook 13+  
Instagram 13+  
Snapchat 13+  
Tiktok 13+

WhatsApp has a rating of age 13+ - until recently this was 16+. Our Year 6 children are aged 10 and 11 years. Any parents and carers who choose for their child to have WhatsApp have a responsibility for keeping their own child and other children safe and free from bullying, intimidation, threats and personal insults.

Please can I urge you to read through your child's messages, ask them about any deleted groups and ensure that they are behaving safely and appropriately. This should also extend to the posting of photos.

Technology is amazing and changes rapidly. It is important that we work together so that the children have a positive experience of the benefits of technology/social media communication and that they act safely as responsible members of our society. This is a key piece of learning and one which parents have a responsibility to navigate with their children.

For further information, the NSPCC website has lots of ideas for having conversations and ways in which you can support your children.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs F Saunders

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