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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has come to my attention that some of the children in our Year 6 classes have a WhatsApp chat group, which has been used for some time. I am writing to make you all aware as parents and carers that this platform has unfortunately been used to post abusive and inappropriate language, inappropriate images and, in some instances, it is clear that other people are being added to these chats who are not part of our school community.

Whilst some of the children have been very sensible in this chat, some of the children have used threatening language towards one another. This certainly would not be tolerated in my school were this to occur at school level, but I feel you must be made aware that this needs to be monitored and policed far more closely at home level.

Although these incidences have happened outside school hours, I am going to speak to the whole year group with their teachers present to ensure they all understand that this must stop immediately. There are particular children whose messages are of real concern and I will be speaking to these children separately and phoning you, as their parents to make you aware.

I implore you to sit with your children today and discuss this with them all.

I am also sending out factsheets regarding many platforms that the children say they have access to.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams
Headteacher