

Tuesday 31st January 2023

Year 6

Dear parents/carers,

It has been brought to our attention and we are noticing an increase in children's involvement on social media platforms such as 'WhatsApp' to communicate with one another both individually and as part of group chats. Social Media Apps such as these have age restrictions of 16+.

We are aware that some children are using this app and others to chat at inappropriate times of the evening, often late into the night and are exchanging inappropriate language and content with one another.

If you have enabled your child to use such social media platforms, recommended advice is that parents should monitor regularly the way children are using this to communicate with one another. For example, are you aware of who your child is talking to and the nature of the conversations they are having?

Further advice is that children who are under the age limit for these apps should not be using them unaccompanied and a trusted adult should carefully monitor the content of 'chat' to ensure that children are not using inappropriate language with one another and that the nature of the conversation is appropriate.

As I am sure you will agree, keeping our children safe both physically and online is of the utmost importance and we must work together to ensure our children are using any online platforms appropriately and safely.

As part of our assemblies, Computing curriculum, PSHE curriculum and the role of our Digital Leaders we regularly teach how to use social media appropriately, and the importance of reporting any worries, concerns and difficulties they have.

We appreciate your support and cooperation with this.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hewitt

Principal