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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to seek your support regarding children's use of social media and messaging platforms, in particular unsupervised WhatsApp groups.

While we recognise that online communication plays a role in children's social lives, experience shows that large group chats without adult oversight can present significant risks. These include, but are not limited to, bullying, unkind or inappropriate messages, exclusion, peer pressure, and the sharing of content that may be upsetting or unsuitable for children. In some cases, disagreements that begin online can also impact relationships and wellbeing in school. WhatsApp and similar platforms were not designed with primary-aged children in mind, and managing interactions in large groups can be challenging for them. Children may feel unable to remove themselves from conversations, may be exposed to messages outside of school hours, and may not always understand the long-term impact of what is shared online.

For these reasons, we kindly ask that you discourage your child from participating in large, unsupervised WhatsApp groups and instead encourage safe, appropriate, and supervised communication. We also recommend regularly talking with your child about online behaviour, kindness, and what to do if they feel uncomfortable or upset by something they see or receive. By working together, we can help ensure that children feel safe, supported, and able to enjoy positive friendships both in and out of school.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions or would like further guidance on online safety, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Bollands