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Re: WhatsApp Groups – Safeguarding

Dear Year 6 Parent / Carers,

We have been informed that there have been several incidents related to the misuse of WhatsApp involving children in Year 6, out of school. These incidents include inappropriate and offensive comments and language.

I wanted to inform you that these incidents are involving several Year 6 children. WhatsApp is a chat application which can be used on a mobile phone or tablet. This letter is to make you aware that your child may be using WhatsApp without your knowledge so please be mindful that the minimum age for WhatsApp is 16 or over.

We have talked to the children about the use of chat groups and social media however I ask that you carefully monitor what your child is viewing online, and that they are reminded that they must tell you if they receive anything inappropriate.

As a school we strongly advise you to remove the chat groups involving other children. Willow Primary School pride ourselves with safeguarding our children online and ask for your support in this matter.

If you need further advice, please visit the Online Safety section of our school's website <https://www.willowprimaryschool.co.uk/online-safety-1/> or join the Online Safety Parents Meeting next Wednesday (23rd March) at 2.30pm.

Thank you for your understanding and support. As ever, if you have any specific concerns, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or me and we will do our best to support you with them.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Sumner,
Headteacher