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## RE: Concerns Regarding Social Media - Snapchat and WhatsApp

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are aware that children in Year 5 and 6 are communicating on platforms such as Snapchat and/or WhatsApp. We understand that some of the content shared is not always positive and, in some cases, has caused hurt and upset among the children involved. We want to start the year positively and ensure that you are aware of our stance on this.

As a school, we are deeply concerned about the impact that social media has on the children at such a young age. In the past, this has had an effect on the emotional well-being of some pupils, as well as the negative effect it has on learning and behaviour in school.

We would like to remind you that the minimum age requirement for Snapchat is 13, and for WhatsApp, it is 16. If your child is using these platforms, they should not be doing so, especially without appropriate supervision. To help address this issue, we ask that you:

1. **Check your child's device use** and review the content of their group chats.
2. **Support your child in removing themselves from school chat groups** and any other similar chats that may not be contributing positively to their online experience.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring all children feel safe and supported. We encourage open conversations at home about responsible online behaviour and the importance of treating others with kindness and respect, both in person and online.

If you would like further advice or support on managing your child's online activity, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to work with you in ensuring a positive and safe environment for all children.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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