



Wednesday 23rd March

Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 6,

It has recently been brought to our attention that the content of some messages being exchanged on Year 6 Whatsapp groups contains inappropriate language and references.

We have spoken to the children concerned about this in school and have reminded them of the need to communicate online with the same respect you would when communicating face to face with someone. We have also reminded the children that once things are put online they are there permanently and could therefore be seen again in the future.

In line with our curriculum and safeguarding policies, online safety will continue to form an ongoing part of our internet safety teaching at school. However, as the social media platforms are being accessed outside of school, we would also like to ask for your support and vigilance with this with your children at home.

We encourage parents to keep it as an open conversation with their children about their online activity and remind them of what they can do if they see something that makes them feel uncomfortable. Please also build in regular times that you are checking your child's mobile phone so that you are monitoring their online activities.

The Kidscape website can be reached by following the link below and it contains some useful prompts for a discussion with your child about what they are posting online and helps to encourage them to stop and think before posting a comment which may not be appropriate.

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/advice-for-young-people/dealing-with-cyberbullying/think-before-you-post/>

Think before you post - Kidscape

Think before you post. People may behave differently online than they do in person - the large audience is invisible, so many feel protected by their screens.

www.kidscape.org.uk

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or would like any further support with this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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