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Head of School Miss Sophie McBride

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Dear parents,

I am writing to you with some concerns around the use of mobile phones and social media particularly in year 6.

There are still issues around the use of WhatsApp. There is a year 6 WhatsApp group which many children are part of. Unfortunately there is often exclusion from this group with children being removed by others and unkind, inappropriate messages being posted. Please support your child to be responsible in their online behaviour and ensure they are not putting themselves at risk by the way they behave online. If you are concerned about any behaviours that may be seen as cyberbullying then please inform us as soon as possible.

We understand that many of year 5 and 6 bring a mobile phone into school. This is often to keep in touch with parents as they make their own way home at the end of the day. If children are bringing a phone into school then please note the following:

- Phones must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day. These will be kept securely and given back to the children at the end of the day.
- Children are not allowed use their phone on the school grounds. This includes when arriving and leaving school.
- If it comes to our attention that a phone has been brought into school and not handed into the teacher, then it will be kept by school staff and only returned to a parent who will need to collect it from us.

Thank you for your understanding. We hope to support our children use and enjoy their phone and social media in a safe a responsible way.

Regards,

Mark Whyman

