

10th October 2025

Online Safety – Year 5

Whatsapp group

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has come to our attention that a number of our pupils in year 5 are communicating in a Whatsapp messaging group, along with several other unknown members. We have been made aware the message content in this group includes inappropriate comments, including some being prejudicial and discriminatory and we are concerned that those in this group have been exposed to this.

Due to the serious nature of the prejudicial and discriminatory comments, we have taken action, and the matter has been formally reported to the police.

Mr Clarke and I have spoken to year 5 and re-iterated the importance of keeping safe online and reporting anything unkind or inappropriate to a trusted adult.

We wish to remind all families that platforms like WhatsApp have a minimum age for use. Also attached with this letter is a Whatsapp guide for you.

If you allow your child to have an account on WhatsApp or any similar messaging or social media platform, we encourage you to check their accounts regularly, going through their chat, groups, group participation, and private messages.

Please see link below for more information on keeping children safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lay
Family Worker

