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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the last week, we have had to respond to a number of concerns relating to inappropriate language in a WhatsApp group containing pupils at this school and other local schools. While social media and online communications can have a hugely beneficial impact, unfortunately, they can also be a cause of stress, worry and upset if people make such comments.

While in school, we will do what we can to educate students on safe and appropriate online communications, while also managing the fallout that can sometimes spill into the school day. However, many of these comments are being sent outside school hours and we are asking that all parents/carers are diligent in monitoring behaviour and content within these apps.

We would ask that you take the time to look at these group chats with your child, along with their other social media profiles. If there are elements of these conversations that you are uncomfortable with, you will be able to discuss this and consider whether inclusion in such groups is beneficial.

Obviously if you see any concerning comments, we would ask you to share them with us to ensure that other parents/carers will be able to intervene too.

Kind regards

Miss Devenney Lees

Head of Year 7