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Dear Parents,

I am writing to address an important matter regarding the use of messaging platforms amongst our Year 6 children. It has come to our attention that there have been instances of targeted messaging taking place outside of school hours, which is causing distress among some of our pupils. I believe it is crucial for us to work together to address this issue and ensure the emotional well-being of all our children.

As educators, our aim is to create a safe and inclusive learning environment, both within and outside of the school premises. We understand that technology plays a significant role in the lives of our children, but we must also be vigilant in ensuring that it is used responsibly and ethically.

It is important to note that WhatsApp, and other social media platforms, have age restrictions in place for a reason. The minimum age requirement for WhatsApp is 13 years old. As such, it is not appropriate for our Year 6 students to be using this platform, or similar platforms without adequate supervision and guidance from their parents.

To address this issue, I kindly request that you have a conversation with your child about the appropriate use of social media and messaging platforms. Remind them of the importance of treating others with kindness and respect, both online and offline. Encourage them to come forward if they witness or experience any form of cyberbullying or inappropriate behaviour so that necessary steps can be taken to address the situation.

Additionally, I would like to remind you of the importance of monitoring your child's online activity. Familiarise yourself with the various social media platforms your child is using and ensure the necessary privacy settings are in place. Regularly engage in open discussions with your child about their online experiences, encouraging them to share any concerns or incidents they may have encountered.

Within the school, we will be reinforcing the importance of online safety through targeted lessons and discussions. We will also be reminding our Year 6 children about the appropriate use of technology and the potential consequences of engaging in cyberbullying or sending nasty messages.

Finally, I want to assure you that we take any matters reported to us seriously and we are committed to addressing and preventing any form of harmful behaviour within our community. If any incidents occur that are brought to our attention, we will investigate the matter thoroughly and take appropriate action in accordance with our school's policies.

Working together as a collective community, we can make a significant impact in promoting responsible online behaviour and ensuring the emotional well-being of all our children. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other member of the school staff.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Laura Hackett
Headteacher