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Membership of Internet Groups

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been made aware that a number of the children in the older classes have been accessing a group on Snapchat, which they were joined into without a membership request being made. We have seen some of the messages in this chat and they are very inappropriate and upsetting. It is evident that some children from our Year 5 class have been involved in these conversations. This is distressing for children targeted by offensive comments and their parents reading the messages.

Please be aware of the content your child is accessing on their phones or tablet and check that age-appropriate controls are in place. The safeguarding of children is the responsibility of us all.

Apps used on phones such as Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Whatsapp, YouTube, TikTok are all to be used from age 13 or older, so if your child is using social media platforms, please check again that this is occurring safely and that your child is only using apps which are age-appropriate.

Mobile phones are only allowed in school if needed for walking home independently or a parent contacts the class teacher with another reason. They are not used on the school site and are handed in to the class teacher to keep safely during the day.

We frequently cover how to use the internet safely, as part of our PSHE and Computing curriculum and explore Safer Internet day annually.

The NSPCC have a useful website where parents can look up Apps and games to find out more about them:

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

Kind regards
Mrs S Howard
Head Teacher

