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**RE: WhatsApp – Year 5**

Dear parents/carers,

It has been brought to our attention that there is a WhatsApp group for Year 5 pupils, where children have been communicating outside school hours.

May we remind you that the minimum age of use for WhatsApp is **16 years old**. It had previously dropped to 13 years old but in April 2018 returned to 16, as a response to data-protection legislation.

Please may we ask that you speak to your child about the appropriate use of the internet and any social media they may have access to. We understand that the internet is a great place to play, create, learn and connect, however, they need to speak to a trusted adult if anything upsets or worries them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

*Luci Clapton*

**Head of School**