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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very grateful that a couple of parents and carers have today informed us of a snapchat group that many of our year 5 and 6 children are a part of. The overriding reason for informing us was due to inappropriate content being shared by the children within the group. This group also contained children of a much older secondary school age.

We will be speaking to the children about this in class tomorrow, however, we would appreciate it if you could speak to your children tonight.

We will be reminding our pupils that you have to be 13 years old to use many social media or messaging platforms, including snapchat, and that none of them are 13.

This is also a good opportunity to remind both children and parents that lots of the social media and messaging platforms that our pupils seem to be accessing are not designed for children of their age; they have an age certification in place to protect them.

Using social media when underage can be harmful to a child's emotional development, not to mention potentially being exposed to material which could jeopardise their safety and wellbeing.

Please ensure you are aware of the age limits on the platforms your child has access to and delete them if not appropriate. If you choose to continue to allow your child to access these platforms when under age; then please do regularly check their phone to see what content they are being exposed to, so that you can take an appropriate course of action if needed.

If you would like further help and support with this, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Wishes,

Miss Martin
Headteacher