



15th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

WhatsApp Group messages – explicit content

It has been brought to our attention today that an explicit image of children, believed to be AI generated, and not of children in our school, has been shared via WhatsApp groups of our children in Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8. We are sharing this information with you so that you can check your child's group messages, media files and recently deleted to support them if they have been affected or upset by what they may have seen.

Please be aware that it is **illegal** to store or share images of this nature. We strongly encourage you to check your child's phone and take appropriate steps to ensure the image is deleted. While we understand that the image has been removed from some chats, we cannot monitor all the social media groups your children may be part of. Please note that the image may have been shared as a **sticker**, rather than a standard media item.

We would also like to remind you that WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 13 years, and it is a parental responsibility to monitor and guide your child's use of social media platforms.

Online safety and responsible use of technology are taught through our Computing and PSHE curriculum, and we appreciate your continued support in reinforcing these messages at home.

As a school and as part of our commitment to safeguarding, and ensuring children's use of mobile technology safely and appropriately, Year 5 children are not allowed to bring smartphones into school. We ask that families of children in other schools opt for NON-smartphones when purchasing for their children.

Please see below a link to support you:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/smartphone-free-childhood-mobile-phone-safety-top-tips/>

Kind regards,

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