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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Class WhatsApp groups are a very useful and efficient way of parents communicating with each other to keep up to date with events happening inside and outside of school. The aim of using class WhatsApp is to send messages to an entire group, which are relevant to school. It is especially useful at the beginning of a new year when routines and expectations may be different to your child's previous year group.

The messages in the class WhatsApp groups come from parents in their personal capacity. The school does not post directly on any WhatsApp parent/carers groups and do not monitor posts.

Code of Conduct

Parents should adhere to the following guidelines when using class WhatsApp groups:

- The group is not a political platform for airing opinions on current affairs
- The group should not be used for private conversations with anyone else using the group
- The group should be used keeping in mind mutual respect and cultural sensitivity between all its members
- The group should never be used as a platform to air views/grievances regarding a teacher, child or parent in the class or school

Please note, the school considers the following online activity inappropriate:

- Bringing the school into disrepute
- Abusive or personal comments about staff, pupils or other parents
- Posting defamatory or libellous comments
- Emails circulated or sent directly with abusive or personal comments about staff or pupils
- Using social media to publicly challenge school policies or discuss issues about individual children
- Threatening behaviour, such as verbally intimidating staff, or using bad language

Parents and carers should be aware that any comments made on social media websites are considered to be in the public domain and they are subject to various laws including the Malicious Communications Act 1998, libel laws and protection from harassment legislation. Legal action may be taken against individuals who post inappropriate, abusive or personal comments regarding a teacher, child or parent on social media.

The school takes safeguarding responsibilities seriously and will deal with any reported incidents appropriately.

If you are concerned about inappropriate comments on a class WhatsApp group, please contact our Senior Leadership Team and appropriate action will be taken.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'N. Ferguson'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a small red dot above the 'i' in 'Ferguson'.

N. Ferguson

Headteacher