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## Important Year 6 Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

We want to let you know that a Year 6 group chat via text message has come to our attention today. Whilst much of the conversation is innocuous and friendly, some of the language employed by pupils is unacceptable, and on occasion, threats are made against other group members.

We are also extremely concerned that a member has been added to the group with a number that is unknown to other group members, and despite our pupils asking on numerous occasions for a name, the number remains anonymous. Whilst it may be that this number belongs to a relative of someone in the group, the person has continually refused to identify themselves. We've spoken at length to all pupils in Year 6 regarding the potential serious implications of communicating with a stranger online, and have reiterated the need for vigilance when using any form of social media.

The next few years will see the children vastly extend their use of social media and we believe that open and honest conversations between adults and children are essential in order for children to learn to use the amazing opportunities offered by today's technology safely. We would like to ask for your support by discussing e-safety with your children at home as well, and by supervising their use of phones and computers as far as is possible.

This is academically a particularly important time of year for Year 6 pupils and it is also a concern to us that the chat was operating until 10pm at night and starting again at approximately 6am. We would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that pupils come to school ready to learn and achieve the best possible outcomes, having slept well the night before.

Thank you for your support in this matter; please don't hesitate to contact us with any further queries or concerns that you might have. Please find below the link to the NSPCC's Online Safety page in case you'd like to read further.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>

With kind regards,

*Clare Woodward*

Head Teacher

