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Monday 9th March 2026,

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to ask for your support with an important matter regarding children's use of mobile phones and online communication.

Recently, concerns have been brought to our attention about some inappropriate online behaviour involving pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. This has included instances of cyberbullying, derogatory comments about girls, and the sharing of inappropriate and overly sexualised comments and images.

We know that many children use phones, messaging apps, and online games to stay connected with friends. While this can be a positive way for them to socialise, it also means that issues can arise outside of school hours but still have a significant impact on children's wellbeing and relationships in school.

We would therefore like to ask parents and carers to please support us by monitoring children's phone and online activity where possible. This might include:

- Checking the apps and platforms your child is using, particularly WhatsApp
- Looking through group chats or messages where appropriate
- Discussing with your child how to communicate respectfully online
- Reminding them that sharing unkind, inappropriate, or explicit content is not acceptable

It is important that children understand that the same expectations for kindness, respect and safety apply online as they do in school.

If your child experiences or witnesses anything online that makes them feel uncomfortable or upset, please encourage them to speak to a trusted adult at home or at school. We want all of our pupils to feel safe and supported.

We appreciate your continued support in helping us promote positive behaviour and respectful communication both in and out of school.

If you have any concerns or would like further guidance about online safety, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

It has been brought to our attention that children have been using their phones in the early hours of the morning, with some children waking up to hundreds of messages that have been sent during the night. Please could we urge you to revisit appropriate phone usage with your child.

Yours sincerely

C. Willows

Miss Claire Willows
Headteacher