



ST. ANDREW'S CE (VA) JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

It has come to my attention that there are a large number of Year 6 pupils in various WhatsApp groups. Children are being added to groups and using exceptionally awful language. Staff are then dealing with fallouts in school which have originated online in the group chats.

I would like to ask parents to take into account that the minimum age to use WhatsApp is 16 years of age. Whilst I understand that children do want to be able to message one another outside of school, I would like to ask that parents and carers monitor their child's phone so that such messaging stops. Children have been spoken to today about the language they have used online. This is a serious safeguarding matter and I urge all parents and carers to support me in this matter.

Kind regards

Mrs Jocelyn
Head of School