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Dear Parents and Carers,

Online Group Chats and Social Media

Snapchat, WhatsApp, and Roblox are just a few social media networks that many children continue to use to communicate with others outside of school despite many having an age rating of 13 and above. It has come to our attention that many children create group chats that allow them to send messages, videos, and images to everyone within the group at the same time.

While some children use social media safely and only access age-appropriate apps, we have had reports of children using platforms in irresponsible ways, such as sending inappropriate, disrespectful, and unkind comments and images to each other. These incidents occur outside of school hours, and conversations continue in school as children are understandably upset. We value that every child has the right to be respected, and every child has the right to feel happy and safe.

Our curriculum educates children on how to use technology positively, responsibly and safely. However, we can only successfully keep children safe online if we work in partnership. We encourage you to be vigilant and carefully monitor your child's online activity. Alongside this, we advise you have regular conversations with your child about the correct use of social media to ensure they are making the right choices while online. This will help protect your child's wellbeing and safety and prevent them from being exposed to inappropriate and unkind behaviour online. We must remain proactive in guiding children through safe online practices.

Please visit the [NSPCC](#) website to view further tips and advice about how to help children stay safe online.

[Click here to visit our school website for further Online Safety information.](#)

Yours sincerely,

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