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### Social Media/WhatsApp communication

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to address some concerns that have come to light regarding the use of social media platforms, including WhatsApp, among our Year 5 pupils. While social media can be a positive tool for communication, we have observed instances where its misuse has created challenges for some children. It is important that tolerance and respect is shown in regards to the pupils whose families have taken the decision to not give their child this access.

As a school, because we deeply care about the well-being of all our pupils, we have taken steps to address these issues within our remit. However, it is important to acknowledge that the responsibility for monitoring and managing social media use ultimately falls to parents and guardians. This includes overseeing the use of phones, iPads, and gaming consoles at home.

We kindly encourage you to be proactive in regularly checking your child's devices, discussing appropriate online behaviour, and setting boundaries for social media usage. Open communication is key to helping children navigate the digital world safely and respectfully.

We would also like to draw your attention to the **Smartphone Free Childhood** initiative, which offers valuable resources and guidance on fostering healthy digital habits for children. You can find more information on their website.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. Together, we can ensure a safe and positive environment for our children, both online and offline. Should you wish to discuss this further or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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*'We carry the light of Christ as we love, live, learn and look after each other'*

