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Dear Year 5 and 6 Parent and Carers,

Recently there have been several incidents related to the misuse of WhatsApp.

I wanted to inform you that these incidents are involving several children being part of chat groups. WhatsApp is a chat application which can be used on a mobile phone or tablet; it lets you send messages, images and videos to friends. You can have one to one and group conversations.

This letter is to make you aware that your child may be using WhatsApp without your knowledge and you should be mindful that the minimum age for WhatsApp is 16 or over.

We urge all parents to keep an eye on their child's mobile phone or online activities involving social media. The children are constantly reminded that they must tell a parent / adult if they receive anything inappropriate from any application.

**How to monitor WhatsApp for Free:**

*This requires the parent to have a computer with a browser*

1. Go to <https://web.whatsapp.com/> from your computer's browser.
2. Now, go to your child's phone and follow the steps in the image below:

To use WhatsApp on your computer:

1. Open WhatsApp on your phone
2. Tap Menu  or Settings  and select WhatsApp Web
3. Point your phone to this screen to capture the code



3. That's it. You are now synced with your child's WhatsApp account and can guide them

If you have any questions please don't hesitate in contacting us.

Kind Regards  
Kate Arnold  
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