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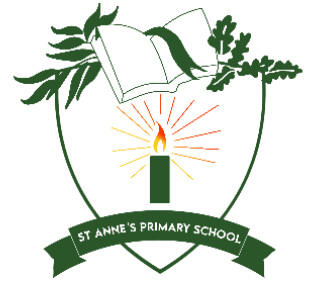
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Dear Parents / Carers,

We felt we needed to resend this letter as we have continued issues with the use of social media in Year 6.

We are aware that the children in Year 6 use the WhatsApp text, call and video functions to communicate with their peers, but more and more we get issues with how this communication is being conducted. Most of the time it is a great tool for them to socialise but without close monitoring it can get out of hand. The app has an age restriction of 16 years old and one reason for that is because of the maturity needed to deal with online content. Therefore, allowing your child to use WhatsApp comes with responsibility to advise and monitor their use.

We are finding that there are more and more cases of unkindness and foul language happening through social media platforms. This is not always the case in school so there is a real discrepancy with how the children feel they can behave online to how they behave in person. We again discussed the matter with the children and going forward if we have any evidence of foul language and unkindness online, we will tackle it in the same way as we would in school.

In addition, what we need from you is your support. Please, please after reading this letter check your child's mobile phone/ device to see that what they are saying is appropriate. From then on please check on a regular basis to ensure that their behaviour continues to be suitable.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs LM Harris

Headteacher

