



# Phoenix St. Peter Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Recently there have been several incidents related to the misuse of WhatsApp. I wanted to inform you that these incidents involve many Year 6 children being part of chat groups, and, in the latest incident, being exposed to unsuitable language.

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 accessing content on WhatsApp without your knowledge. We are continuing to investigate this latest incident and have contacted some parents directly.

In the meantime, we ask that you all carefully monitor what your child is viewing, and that they are reminded that they must tell you if they receive anything inappropriate from any application. As a school we strongly advise you to remove the chat groups involving other children. We pride ourselves with safeguarding our children online. If you need further advice, please come and speak either to Miss Khatri or myself.

Best Wishes,

*Rich Roberts*

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