

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parents and carers

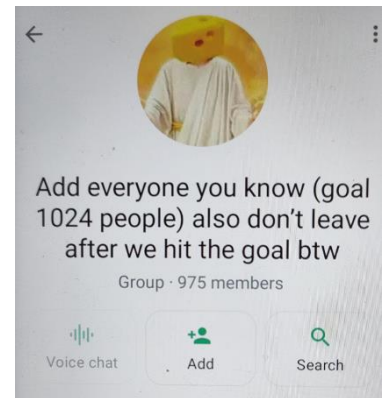
As you will know from school letters, newsletters and workshops for parents I take internet and technology safety extremely seriously. As I school we try to educate both parents and children about the benefits but also the dangers with the online world so that we can all use what is a valuable resource safely and responsibly. Part of our role as a school is also to inform should we become aware of potential areas of concern.

I have been made aware that there is currently a What's App chat circulating with over 900 children from primary to secondary school in the group chat – please see image of chat group below. The contents of the chat are a safeguarding concern to children of this age and include: photos of and discussions re drugs, self-harm, discussing sharing explicit photos that they have 'had to swap to get xxx' (whatever they had shared in the group).

The group shows every current member and even those who have left, so the children's numbers are there even if they have tried to leave the group.

There is currently a challenge going on that requests these large group chats are made, with children encouraged to add everyone they know. This is a concern as children are often sharing other children's contact details with people they don't know, and then cannot control what's been put in the group or take that number back.

Please can we ask that you remind your children about joining chat groups but also the impact of sharing other pupils' information.



Social Media Age Restrictions



As always I just want to take the opportunity to remind all parents around the social media age restrictions which we politely ask that parents support with.

Many thanks for your continued support with ensuring our children use the internet world safely and responsibly.

Kind regards

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