



St Gilbert's R.C. Primary School

28th September 2017

Dear Year 6 Parents,

It has come to our attention today that a number of children in Year 6 are, out of school, using Whatsapp, Instagram and Snapchat in a group named Year6. There has been some discussion today regarding some of the content of the conversations in the group where there appears to have been a lot of 'falling out' outside of school on these apps which is impacting pupil relationships within school. We are also aware that some older siblings of Year 6 pupils have been accessing the Whatsapp in particular and joining in with some of the conversations.

The children have all been spoken to again today about Online and App safety. Many have responsibly removed themselves from such groups already. However, as these apps are being used outside of school hours, we would respectfully ask that parents again reiterate to their children responsible e safety and monitor when their children are on their phones accessing these apps. Many of the conversations seen on Whatsapp today were on school nights, during hours when we would expect children to be getting a good night's rest.

We have also had discussions with children today regarding 'prank calls' and the impact that these can have on friendships and pupil/ family wellbeing. We hope now that the matter is resolved and that we can rely on every family's support in monitoring their children's internet and phone use out of school. Phones will continue to be kept in the school office during school hours.

Should you require any further clarification on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Kind regards

Mrs J Stevens

Deputy Head

I have read the letter about Apps and phones

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