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Dear Parents of children in Years Five and Six,

We are having to deal with an increasing number of issues in our Year Five and Six Classes regarding pupils' use of social media and messaging outside of school.

Despite the fact these messages are being sent whilst the pupils are not in our care, the issues are being brought into school by both children and parents. Whilst we will always support our children and families, children's use of technology outside of school hours is beyond our control.

The main issues we are dealing with are messaging groups (WhatsApp or similar) where children are being unkind to each other, making poor language choices, or talking about other children.

We would politely ask that if your child has access to social media or online messaging via mobile phone, computer, tablet or gaming console you regularly monitor their devices and take steps if your child is doing something that would cause others upset.

I have included some links below that may support parents with this. Please contact me if you need any further information or advice. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Smith
Executive Head teacher

Links to Support Parents

There is a lot of information on the e-safety page on our website you may find useful.

<http://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk/e-safety.php>

This website gives information about setting parental controls on social media

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

This website has information about things to consider when giving your child a smartphone and how to keep them safe.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/mobile-phones-for-children/>

This website lists information on apps that help you monitor your child's phone.

<https://www.uswitch.com/mobiles/guides/mobile-phone-safety/>

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