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Dear Parents,

E-Safety: Snapchat

It has come to our attention that a number of our children are members of a snapchat room called Year 5&6. We have also been very shocked to discover that a number of our year 4 children are using snapchat. Snapchat is a popular app but it can put our children at risk. Please have a look at the link below – the NSPCC website has lots of useful advice for parents about how to monitor your child's online activity:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

We will discuss Snapchat with the children and ask them to come up with some ideas about how to use it appropriately e.g. don't post pictures of others without their permission, don't say anything unkind online – even if you think it is a joke, never post comments or pictures about someone who is not a member of the group. We would greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home.

We know you will appreciate how challenging it is for us to try and resolve issues that arise on social media. However, we are often faced with upset children who are worried or unhappy about comments made on Snapchat.

We should be aware, as parents, that the lower age limit for Snapchat is 13 years old. So, no primary school age child should be using this app. Hopefully, these issues can be resolved before it becomes a safeguarding issue that requires us to refer the matter to other authorities; if we feel a child's wellbeing and safety is being compromised we are obliged to take appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,

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