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## **Mobile Phone Safety**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Today we have been made aware that some children may have been added to a group chat on their mobile phone. In this chat there appears to have been an adult who was asking the young people to send pictures of themselves.

We believe this has been limited to children in one class and these parents have received a text/email earlier today. As a precaution, however we advise that all parents check their child's phone and stay vigilant about their child's use of social media. Should you find anything concerning we advise speaking directly to the police.

We have made the police aware of this instance and all classes will participate in Internet and phone safety lessons again as a refresher over the next few days.

As always we recommend, parents are aware of their child's mobile phone use and that parents moderate chats and the social media that their child is using regularly.

We also strongly recommend that children do not bring mobile phones to school. Phones that are needed for before or after school should remain switched off on the school premises and in school bags at all times. We recommend children use phones at home when they are near an adult, who can help should any safety concerns arise.

Further advice on Mobile Phone Safety and advice for parents can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

Yours sincerely

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