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Dear Parents,

Use of Social Media in Years 5 and 6

It has come to my attention that children in upper Key Stage 2 are using Whatsapp/Snapchat to create groups which then become platforms for unpleasant comments, which in turn, spill into the school day even before it has begun and continue after the end of the school day.

We are currently spending time which could be better spent on teaching and learning activities, sorting out such problems. We regularly remind our children that what they say online can hurt their peers more than they know and this should not be taken lightly. I have dealt with too many disagreements between children of late based on comments which have started online. This is both upsetting for pupils and has a significant impact on staff trying to educate and support their pupils.

We ask parents to check social media accounts regularly and monitor any 'chats' which are taking place or possibly make the decision to withdraw children from social media forums if they are regularly falling out with friends.

We appreciate your support on this matter and hope to see it improve.

Yours sincerely,

Miss McGroarty