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Dear Parents

As you are aware, access to and use of social media is common these days and has become second nature to many of us. With this in mind, we wanted to remind you of the advice we have sent out previously which is intended to help safeguard your children, yourselves as parents and the school.

Many of you are members of WhatsApp or other social media groups that connect parents in a particular class or year group. The group chats are useful places to share information regarding your child's day in school; receiving updates and reminders about school events (alongside the News Roundup); as well as sharing parenting advice.

These group chats can be a great resource and an enjoyable place to be in. However, as a school, we would like to ensure that they are being used appropriately. Here are some suggested guidelines in order to prevent any miscommunication:

- If you have a query or concern about the school, please talk to us directly.
- Ensure that you do not discuss or instigate a discussion about a particular pupil, parent or staff member.
- Ensure that you do not speak negatively about any pupils, parents or staff members at the school.
- When writing a message on social media, remember that the content may be shared or forwarded onto others.

Moving forward, we would like you to be mindful of these guidelines. We have been informed that an increasing number of incidents have occurred where the WhatsApp group chats have become a forum for discussing individuals/the school in a negative manner. This can put people in an uncomfortable and vulnerable position. We promote an inclusive ethos at Grange Park and would like this to extend to our wider community.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Kind regards

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