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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the course of the past week we have had to deal with several incidents related to messaging Apps including WhatsApp. The incidents have included children using messaging Apps to :

- Send inappropriate pictures found on the internet
- Use inappropriate language including swearing
- Threaten other children in the school

We cannot emphasise enough the impact that these incidents, occurring outside of school hours, can have on children. Parents and Guardians need to be aware of the communication being shared and received by their child and the times these communications are happening – some of the messages I have seen were sent very late at night.

Most of the incidents reported to myself and other school staff have occurred in the evenings and across weekends, possibly while children are attending clubs, activities or sleepovers. We would strongly advise that you speak to your child about their use of messaging Apps and please spend time each week with your child checking their mobile phone usage.

The NSPCC has a blog with advice on how to keep children safe when using messaging APPs like WhatsApp which can be found [here](#) and more general e-safety advice can be accessed on the our school website [here](#).

If you need any further advice please contact the school office to make an appointment to see Mr Webster.

Daniel Webster
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