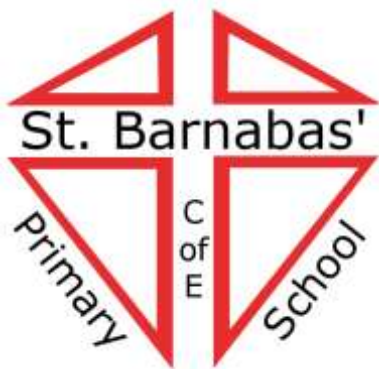




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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have recently been made aware, again, of WhatsApp messaging groups between parents and carers of children at the school. While WhatsApp can be a positive way to share information and to engage with others in the school community, there are also, sadly, communications that are negatively impacting the well-being and behaviour of pupils in school.

The school cannot control how parents use mobile devices and messaging apps to discuss school matters or alleged problems between pupils. As such, we are unable to intervene on your behalf to address any malicious interactions or hurtful comments. I would like to appeal to your better judgement as parents and as adults, and to remind you that we are all role models to our pupils. I believe firmly that we have a collective responsibility to show pupils positive models of how to communicate and behave respectfully online or face to face, on the school premises or outside in the community.

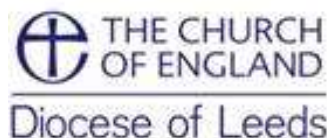
Please consider your actions and words towards each other. Malicious or careless comments made online or via messaging apps are permanently on record. Individuals on the receiving end of such comments, or aggressive face to face interactions, are entitled to involve the community policing team to resolve matters. I deeply hope this does not need to happen.

I apologise to all of you reading this letter who have not been involved in any such recent WhatsApp group messaging. I sincerely hope we can all come together as a school community to respect, tolerate and show kindness at a time when our children need it the most.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and reflect on its message.

Yours sincerely,

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