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Dear mums, dads and carers

Social Media

We are in the process of investigating some allegations of bullying and inappropriate comments made via WhatsApp groups in Year 5 and 6. The bullying has arisen via social media messaging and took place in the evening, after 9.00pm. As part of that process it has come to light that some children are using TikTok, Snapchat and WhatsApp to send each other messages.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the rules of these platforms say that it is not permitted for children under the age of 13 to have an account because of the exposure to risks such as cyberbullying, child grooming and loss of privacy. Please can you check with your children as to whether they have an account and delete it if so. It is really important for parents to oversee children's electronic communications and we strongly advise that phones, laptops, iPads, tablets are not kept in your children's bedrooms.

Please can you also go through your child's messages and let us know if there is anything you are concerned by so we can deal with it as part of the investigation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Barr', written over a vertical line.

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