

PS150/25-26/IGO/LHO/SSI

Supporting Positive Behaviour and Online Safety

Dear Y7 Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you that we have noticed a small increase in behaviours that have been directly linked to unkind interactions taking place outside of school, particularly via group chats on WhatsApp and content on platforms such as TikTok.

We would like to remind all parents/carers that both WhatsApp and TikTok require users to be at least 13 years old. This age requirement exists to help ensure that children have the maturity to navigate these platforms safely and understand the potential consequences of their online actions.

Please note that if malicious or abusive online behaviour occurring outside of school is reported to us, we will encourage parents to report it to the police as malicious communication, so that the appropriate authorities can deal with it.

We kindly ask for your support in helping us safeguard your child's education and wellbeing. Please take some time to check your child's phone usage and ensure that access to these platforms is appropriate. Our goal is for all students to feel safe both in and out of school, and for the use of online platforms not to interfere with their learning, wellbeing, or progress.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a safe and positive environment for all students.

Kind regards,

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