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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important safety letter regarding WhatsApp

At the request of the local police, I am writing to bring to your attention some important information regarding a WhatsApp group that was in wide use by over 300 children across Kings Hill and beyond, during the summer break. The group may still be operating.

The WhatsApp group is called 'Add Anyone' and whilst it looks very innocent at first glance, it contains a lot of very inappropriate images and information regarding sexual offences, drug use, racism and deeply offensive language. Many of the children in the group would have thought that they were joining something quite innocent. I am bringing this matter to your attention so that you can check your children's phones to ensure that they are not being exposed to this material.

If your child has accessed this group and has been adversely affected by what they have seen, please contact the school if you would like some help or advice in supporting your child.

Please can I ask, that if your child is still a member of this group, that you contact the school before removing, deleting or blocking the group from your child's phone. This is to assist the police in identifying the administrator of the group, in case there are wider welfare concerns that they need to know about.

Kind regards,

T. Gobell

Miss Gobell Headteacher













