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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you to ask you to please check your children's phones on a regular basis. This also includes going through messages through any social networking e.g. WhatsApp. Recently it has come to light that there are inappropriate messages being sent via group chats. In addition, some messages are being sent very late at night and/or early in the morning when the children should be sleeping. It may also be worth checking their internet/Safari history.

It is not my intention to come across as patronising however when incidents occur it is appropriate to inform parents to ensure that checks are in place. Incidents of misuse with phones/tablets is increasing despite the increased level of education about safe and appropriate internet use we teach in schools.

It is also important to remember that the social networking apps/platforms your children are using tend to be for age 13+ with WhatsApp being age 16+. Please visit this website for further information and advice for parents: <https://parentinfo.org/>. Thank you for continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M Wignell", written over a horizontal line.

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