



St Stephen's
CE Primary School

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Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

As we continue to support our Year 6 pupils as they grow and prepare for secondary school, we want to remind families about the importance of monitoring phone usage and online behaviour. Many children now use messaging apps and social media regularly, and while these can be valuable tools for staying connected, they can also lead to misunderstandings and unkind comments. We have recently had incidents where pupils have been upset by messages shared in group chats outside of school hours.

To help us ensure that all children feel safe and respected, we ask that parents and carers:

- Monitor the apps and group chats your child is part of.
- Check messages regularly and talk with your child about what is being shared.
- Remind your child that unkind or inappropriate comments, even if written as a joke, can cause real harm.
- Encourage your child to come to a trusted adult at school if they see or receive something upsetting online.

Please also remember that anything shared online can be saved, screenshotted, or forwarded, even if it is later deleted. As a result, it is important to speak kindly and respectfully at all times, whether online or in person.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing positive online behaviour and helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all pupils. If you have any concerns or need support, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

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