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Dear parents

As you are aware, access to and use of social media is common these days and has become second nature to many of us. With this in mind, we wanted to remind you of the advice which we have previously sent which is intended to help safeguard your children, yourselves as parents and the school.

Many of you are members of WhatsApp or other social media groups that connect parents in a particular class or year group. The group chats are useful places to share information regarding your child's day in school; receiving updates and reminders about school events from parents (alongside the news roundup); as well as sharing parenting advice.

These group chats can be a great resource and an enjoyable place to be in. However it's important that these are used appropriately and have come up with some suggested guidelines in order to prevent any miscommunication:

- If you have a query or concern about the school, please talk to us directly. We are always willing to talk and listen to parents, in fact we encourage you to come and talk to us/arrange a meeting/phone call if you have a query or a concern.
- Ensure that you do not discuss or instigate a discussion about a particular pupil, parent or staff member as this can put people in an uncomfortable and vulnerable position.
- Ensure that you do not speak negatively about any pupils, parents or staff members at the school as this can put people in an uncomfortable and vulnerable position and is not compatible with our school values.
- When writing a message on social media, remember that the content may be shared or forwarded onto others.
- Ensure that all pictures which you have taken at special events are used for your own personal use and not shared on any social media.

Moving forward, we would like you to be mindful of these guidelines. We promote an inclusive ethos at Grange Park and would like this to extend to our wider community so please use social media for the positive benefits this brings.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
Best wishes

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