

HARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL Long Lane Harden Bingley West Yorkshire BDIG IL J

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has come to our attention that Year 6 have a WhatsApp group, where there are often inappropriate postings on that group of foul language, sexualised language, inappropriate materials, and conversations. After discussing the issues with Year 6, it has become apparent that there are several groups set up where this is happening. Miss Hall and I have had a talk with all the children in Year 6 to discuss the appropriateness of the chats, and how these chats could upset or offend other members of the group. We have also contacted some Parent/Carers individually regarding this matter.

We are asking you to please help us by policing what your child is doing on social media and also by checking their phones to ensure that what is being posted is appropriate. Please let us know if you feel there has been anything that is inappropriate, and we can help to keep all our children safe and ensure that the group stays as a social chat that everyone can enjoy.

Please also find attached the 'What Parents and Carers need to know about WhatsApp' guide for more information.

Thank you for your continued support,

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