

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## FLIXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents,

Several parents have contacted school over the last couple of days to express concerns about the content of WhatsApp groups created by some of your children. Having heard about some of the items that are apparently referenced, linked to and talked about on the groups, I share those concerns.

WhatsApp is a social media platform, and since May 2018, its terms and conditions have placed the age restriction limit at 16 – meaning children under that age who use WhatsApp are breaching its age limit. I have linked advice from ParentInfo to our school website – just go to Information for Parents – Online Safety to find the link.

I would ask that you check your child's phone and talk to him or her about the importance of using apps wisely and applying the same standards of conduct that we expect in 'real life' to digital interactions. It is sometimes all too easy for children to get 'carried away' with technology, and forget themselves. We teach them in school that once something is posted online (which WhatsApp is, after all), it cannot be unposted but it can be shared. I am certain, having heard about some of the material that has been posted, you will not want it shared with anybody with your child's name attached or involved.

I thank you for your support in this matter.



Mr Redmond  
Headteacher