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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been brought to our attention, from another Banbury primary school, that there has been some worrying out-of-school behaviour by children online within a Snapchat group. Our understanding is that this group consists of around 80 young people in Banbury. The content of the group includes concerning behaviours (for example, enticing and arranging fights, foul language, anti-social behaviour and very risky sharing online behaviour).

We are concerned that a group of that size, with potentially unknown people, could pose significant risk to the children.

Whilst this is an out-of-school matter, out of duty of care, we feel it important to inform you all of this group as it could include pupils at Dashwood Banbury Academy.

Through our weekly on-line safety sessions, we will ensure that we cover specific online behaviours and strategies to help our pupils stay safe online.

We ask that parents support us by ensuring that you are aware of your child's access to online content, especially around social media use. It is incredibly easy for them to be included into an online group and see potentially harmful and inappropriate content.

A reminder of the age restrictions for well-known online social media platforms:

Online Platform	Age Restriction
SnapChat	13 years old
WhatsApp	16 years old
Facebook	13 years old
Tik Tok	13 years old

Should you need support or advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Annelise Gooch
Acting Vice Principal



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