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Re: Year 6 – Potential inappropriate use of Roblox/Snapchat

Dear Year 6 Parent/Carer,

Today, we have spoken to a few of our Year 6 pupils about potential inappropriate use Roblox, SnapChat and WhatsApp outside of school.

I wanted to inform you that these incidents are involving several Year 6 children being part of chat group and gaming platform (RoBlox), and, in the latest incident, some were being incredibly unkind and disrespectful to one another. There is also evidence on the chats that some children have shared their location on SnapChat which raises concern that they are being unsupervised and not keeping themselves safe. Although there may not have been any inappropriate messages on the chat from your child, we wanted to make you aware and ask that you carefully monitor what messages they may be witnessing/reading, sending and to whom.

WhatsApp and SnapChat are chat applications which can be used on a mobile phone or tablet and both let the user send messages, images and videos to friends. You can have one to one and group conversations. This letter is to make you aware that your child is using WhatsApp/SnapChat and you should be mindful that the minimum age for both apps is 13 and over.

As a school, we strongly advise you to remove the chat groups involving other children. Dashwood Banbury Academy have a rigorous online safety curriculum and we pride ourselves with safeguarding our children online. For more information and parent support, please see our website page:

<https://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/parent-information/supporting-your-childs-safety-online/>

If you need any further support, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

Annelise Gooch
Vice Principal

Online Use outside of school letter – return slip

Please return this slip to the school office to confirm you have received this letter. Thank you.

Name of child:

Parent name:

Parent signature:

Date:



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