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Dear parent/carer,

Further to our letter regarding mobile phones in January, I am writing to let you know that there continues to be difficulties between children on Whatsapp.

I would like to start by saying that the age requirement for Whatsapp is 16. None of our children should be using it.

We will, of course, continue to deal with these difficulties when they are brought to our attention and inform parents when necessary. Addressing these issues is a time consuming process but one which we do to help safeguard our children. However, it is simply not possible for us to fully police Whatsapp.

Childhood is such a short period of life and so very important. Social media is forcing our children to grow up sooner than they should. We can help them by delaying the inevitable use of programs like Whatsapp until they are mature enough to cope with it.

If you have any questions about the dangers of Whatsapp and social media, please either speak to me on the gate, visit our school website or contact the school office on office@pgps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk. I also implore you to attend our annual online safety talk with The 2 Johns on Wednesday 21st June.

Kind regards,

Mr M Aggus

Vice Principal

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"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is Outstanding"

