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Dear Parents and Carers,

'King Eddies Year 7' WhatsApp Group

It has been brought to our attention that a WhatsApp group titled '*King Eddies Year 7*' is currently active. We would like to remind you that there are **no official school WhatsApp groups**, and that WhatsApp has a **minimum age requirement of 13 years**.

Some parents and carers have raised concerns that this group may be used inappropriately and could contain messages that are not suitable for this age group. We are particularly concerned about the potential impact on students' wellbeing, as well as on friendships and relationships within school.

We kindly ask that you take a moment to check your child's phone and discuss their use of group chats with them. If your child is part of this group, we strongly encourage you to delete it from their device and to support them in understanding how to use social media and messaging apps safely and responsibly. This guidance has also been shared with students in assembly last week.

We understand that social media plays a significant role in how young people communicate today. However, it is essential that these platforms are used respectfully, safely, and in an age-appropriate manner.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our students safe and for promoting positive online behaviour.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hurn and Miss Smart

Deputy Headteacher and Year 7 Achievement Leader