



Hillstone Primary School

Head Teacher Mr J. King

Deputy Head Mrs V. Chudleigh

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the weekend, several Snapchat groups have been created and many year-5 pupils have been added into these groups. This has caused several issues today.

The messages sent via these Snapchat groups involving our year-5 pupils have included threats of violence, abusive and inappropriate language, swearing and what seems like possible bullying.

The messages sent over the weekend have culminated in physical violence at school today – a direct consequence of actions taken on Snapchat over the weekend.

I would appreciate your support with preventing this kind of behaviour from happening again in the future.

Please ensure children only use age-appropriate apps and please monitor their phones closely.

Snapchat is age restricted and children under 13 are not allowed to use the app (and under 18s need parental permission). With this in mind, we would recommend that age restricted apps are deleted, and children only have access to age-appropriate apps.

In addition to this, many of the messages sent via Snapchat were sent quite late at night - I assume a lot of the messages are sent after the children have gone to bed, so again, please try to restrict children using their phones late at night.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

If there is anything you would like to discuss further, please do speak to the office to book an appointment or speak to me out on the playground at the beginning or end of the day.

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