



Millbrook Primary School

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For the attention of Year Six Parents and Carers,

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been brought to the school's attention that some children are communicating with each other via mobile phones, including at very early hours of the morning, using apps such as WhatsApp.

I would like to remind parents that the minimum age requirement for WhatsApp is 13 years old, and primary-aged children should not be accessing this platform. Children should not have access to mobile phones during the night when they should be sleeping, as this can significantly impact their wellbeing, behaviour, and readiness for learning.

While we support children in school to make positive choices, communication that takes place outside of school hours is ultimately a parental responsibility. The school has limited capacity to monitor or manage interactions that occur on personal devices at home.

We strongly encourage all parents to:

- Monitor their child's use of mobile phones and online communication
- Remove or restrict access to devices during the night
- Ensure that children are not using apps or platforms that are not age-appropriate
- Regularly check messages and online activity

Where concerns arise from out-of-school communication, we will always act to safeguard pupils where appropriate; however, the primary responsibility for managing access to devices and online behaviour lies with parents.

I appreciate your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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