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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have recently become aware of group chats involving Year 6 students on the social media platform, Snapchat. Unfortunately, some of the comments shared within these chats have been unpleasant and demeaning. As we are sure that you can appreciate, online exchanges have caused significant distress both at school and at home.

We have spoken to the children and explained to them that this is not acceptable behaviour. We have also explained to them how serious this issue is as they are at an age of criminal responsibility and could be liable for prosecution depending on the content posted. They have also been made aware that whilst they may think Snapchat comments disappear, their digital footprint is traceable.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring that our students understand the principles of online conduct and digital citizenship. We have been teaching these as part of our curriculum, emphasising the importance of respectful communication, both in person and online.

We understand that the virtual world can be challenging to navigate, especially for young learners. It is worth noting that the legal age to access Snapchat is 13. Therefore, we encourage you to monitor your child's online activities, guide them on appropriate use of social media and help them to understand the potential ramifications of their online conduct.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping the children safe and happy online.

Yours sincerely,

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