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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Beaconhill Community Primary School, the safety and well-being of all our pupils is our highest priority. All staff in school work diligently to provide a secure and supportive environment both within school and beyond. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of important safeguarding considerations - particularly relating to your child's online activity.

Online Safety and WhatsApp Usage

We understand that many children use social media and messaging apps to communicate with friends and family. However, we want to remind you that WhatsApp has a recommended minimum user age of 13. While the content shared in WhatsApp groups outside of school is beyond our direct monitoring, we have a duty of care to all pupils. Recently, we have been made aware of inappropriate language and content being shared within some WhatsApp groups involving pupils.

We strongly advise you to be vigilant and mindful of your child's online activity and the groups they participate in. Open conversations about safe and respectful online behaviour are essential to help protect children from exposure to harmful content or interactions. Supporting your child in understanding how to use technology responsibly is a vital part of safeguarding.

For further guidance and information on WhatsApp and online safety, we recommend the NSPCC's helpful article: [Is WhatsApp Safe For My Child?](#)

Safeguarding at Beaconhill

All staff at Beaconhill are trained to recognise potential safeguarding concerns, including online risks. We encourage all parents and carers to be aware of these risks and to communicate any concerns promptly.

If you ever have concerns about your child's safety or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff. We are committed to working closely with families and external agencies to ensure every child receives the right support at the right time.

Working Together

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility. We ask parents and carers to help us by:

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- Monitoring your child's online and offline activities.
- Encouraging respectful and safe behaviour both in school and online.
- Reporting any concerns about your child or others to the school promptly.
- Engaging with school communications about safeguarding and behaviour policies.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in keeping our school community safe and supportive for all pupils.

Yours sincerely,
Joel Routledge

