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**Academy – WhatsApp Concern**



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Dear Parent/Carer

We have been made aware of a concern regarding a National WhatsApp group. One of our schools has been alerted by parents to a WhatsApp group their children are being added to, that currently has 800+ members.

This group appears to be asking users to add all their contacts to create the largest group in the world without adults being present. There is a huge concern about the content being shared within the group. The majority of users appear to be minors, although there is no way to verify this.

We have been made aware that content contains disrespectful language and online bullying and harassment. There is also evidence of racist, homophobic and sexually explicit language, and pornographic images / GIFS.

A reference to 'bomb plans' has also been noted, this appears to be racist in nature. The police have been alerted to this group and its content.

We wanted to make you aware of the group so that you can be vigilant.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Chapman  
Designated Safeguarding Lead