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James Dixon Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have been made aware of an incident involving several of the James Dixon Year Six pupils which we would like to bring to your attention. The incident involves inappropriate images and explicit content being shared via a WhatsApp group which we believe your child may be part of. **Please note that WhatsApp is an age restricted social media App; the recommended age for WhatsApp is 16 years.**

At James Dixon Primary School, we have been proactive in making our pupils aware of their digital responsibility and the dangers associated with the inappropriate use of social media sites. On Friday 16th October 2020, we were fortunate enough to receive a visit from PC Barry of the Bromley Police Safer School team, who spoke to our Year Six pupils about their communication online and digital footprint. Listen to his Podcast on our website [Podcast - Internet Safety](#)

To find out what the law says please click here [Child Law Advice on Sexting](#)

This letter is intended to offer support around the way you can safeguard your child; we highly recommend that you:

- Familiarise yourselves with the age requirements of the social media accounts and messaging platforms your children are using (please see below).
- Take the time to go through your child's phone and find out what they are sharing with their friends and others.
- Do not allow your child to keep their smartphone with them overnight.
- Check the settings on apps carefully.

By working together, as outlined above, we trust that we can keep your child happy, healthy, safe and well.

Kind regards,

Yvonne Blunn
Family Liaison Officer



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Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Under 13	13+	16+	17+
 Roblox  PopJam  FaceTime	 Twitter  Facebook and Messenger  Viber  WeChat  Monkey  Yubo  Dubsmash  Instagram	 TikTok  Skype  Google Hangouts  Reddit  Snapchat  Pinterest	 WhatsApp  Telegram Messenger  Tumblr  Line  Sarahah  Tellonym

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