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Dear parents/carers,

We have been made aware of an online safety issue regarding a WhatsApp group which is being experienced by schools in Derbyshire. Currently we are not aware that any of our pupils have been affected. The WhatsApp group has over 450 members and amongst these seem to be some members that nobody really knows, who have sent inappropriate images and have been asking children about their ages and which school they attend.

Unfortunately, the default setting in WhatsApp allows anyone to add a number to a group chat, without needing permission. Therefore, as a precautionary measure, we advise parents/carers whose children use WhatsApp to check the settings on the app so they cannot be added to groups by unknown parties.

Kind Regards,
Miss T Smith – Headteacher

