



## Victoria Primary School & Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope and trust that you are all keeping well and that you are as delighted as I am that all children have now returned back to school – no more home schooling!

I am writing to you all, particularly to parents of children in P4 – P7, to seek your help with a rather urgent matter. It has been brought to my attention that some pupils have been using certain mobile phone apps, namely Whatsapp, to communicate with each other either individually or as part of a group chat. On the surface this can seem harmless, however, at times, topics of conversation alongside use of certain language within these chats have been extremely inappropriate for children of school age.

It would be clear to me that, at times, parents / carers are not taking time to check their child's phone and the content of messages being exchanged, otherwise, the above mentioned issues would've been identified and dealt with quickly.

If your child has a personal mobile phone and you have not checked the content and messages on their phone in a while, can I ask that you make this a priority to do tonight.

It is my firm belief that children in primary school do not require to have their own mobile phone. However, I am aware that this is a parent / carers decision to make. Many of the apps / social media sites that children in school have access to have a minimum age limit of at least 13 years of age. None of the children in primary school should have access to these apps / social media sites.

I would be extremely grateful if I could rely on the support from all parents and carers in this matter.

I am, of course, available to talk to at any point should you wish to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C. Fulton  
Principal