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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, one of the utmost priorities of our school is to support you in safeguarding your children.

It has recently been brought to our attention that Facebook Messenger contains some security loopholes, which could potentially put young people in a vulnerable position. Regardless of the security setting on your Facebook page, anyone with access to the internet is able to view profile details if they send you a message using the Facebook Messenger App. Obviously this can lead to unwanted communications or people having access to information deemed suitable for friends only.

As a school, we would strongly encourage parents to follow the guidelines set out by social media sites regarding age restrictions. However, if you have made the decision to allow your child to use such accounts, we implore you to regularly check the privacy settings and content of their profiles.

In relation to Facebook Messenger, we would strongly recommend that you delete this app.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs K Levesley