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THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. We are writing to share some concerns that have come to our attention regarding the use of large group chats on platforms such as WhatsApp and social media by our Year 7 pupils.

We are aware that some pupils are part of group chats containing a significant number of participants, with some of these groups generating over 1,000 messages per day. This high volume of communication is unhealthy for young people and can be overwhelming, making it difficult for them to manage their time, emotions, and focus.

Additionally, we have concerns about the safety and content of these large chats. It is possible that your child is interacting with individuals they do not know personally, and in some cases, these individuals may not be fellow pupils or even children. This creates a potential risk for exposure to inappropriate content and interactions, especially if their privacy settings are not adequately managed.

We have also been made aware that bad language and inappropriate behaviour are common in these chats, which reinforces our concern that such platforms are not always safe environments for our pupils.

We strongly advise you to have open conversations with your child about their use of social media and mobile phones. Discuss the importance of using respectful language and maintaining healthy boundaries online. Most importantly, we recommend removing them from extremely large group chats that could expose them to unhealthy or unsafe interactions.

We understand that mobile phones and social media play a significant role in the lives of young people today. However, ensuring your child's safety and wellbeing online is a priority we all share. If you have any questions or need further advice on managing social media use, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

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