

**This information has been received in school from Devon County Council for the attention of parents.**

## **Important Safeguarding Message**

Dear Colleagues,

We've been made aware of a WhatsApp group called "Add everybody you know" that is circulating inappropriate content, including explicit images, memes and videos.

Unfortunately, some children from our school communities may be part of this group.

There are many potential safeguarding risks associated with this WhatsApp group, including:

- Unmoderated content being shared, which may be inappropriate or harmful.
- Exposure of personal information of children and young people to unknown individuals.
- Potential grooming or exploitation risks due to the open and indiscriminate nature of the group.

We strongly advise that you:

- Alert staff, parents, and carers to the existence of this group and the associated risks.
- Ask parents to check their child's WhatsApp today to ensure that they are not part of this group. If they are, remove them immediately
- Encourage parents and carers to speak to their children about the importance of online safety and not joining unknown or unmoderated groups.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe online.

Best Wishes,

**Jack Newton (Deputy Director, Head of Inclusion and Learning) and Kellie Knott (Deputy and SEND Strategic Director)**