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Dear parents and carers

It has come to our attention that some students in Year 7 are part of some WhatsApp messaging groups with each other. Unfortunately, it seems that some students are using these groups to make inappropriate comments and remarks to one another.

Please can we ask that you monitor your young person's use of these groups carefully, being mindful that from 2018 WhatsApp advised that the appropriate age to use this messaging system is 16 years old. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can look at any support that may be required.

The use of social media and mobile phones increases when students join secondary school, and Online Safety is something that all students must be made aware of. In order to support this, we held an Online Safety event this half term for all Year 7 parents and these slides can be accessed at the following link: [PowerPoint Presentation \(carringtonschool.org\)](http://PowerPoint Presentation (carringtonschool.org))

Thank you for your support and do let us know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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