



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to make you aware of an important online safety issue that has recently come to our attention.

It has come to light that some of our Year 5/6 children are using WhatsApp groups. Unfortunately one of our children has added a child they personally know. However, the rest of the group did not know this individual. Following this, several children in the group began receiving spam calls from this person. While the calls were not answered, this situation has caused some concern to those children and highlights the potential risks when adding unknown individuals to group chats without checking that everyone knows them.

Why is this a concern?

- Unknown individuals may gain access to your child's phone number and personal information.
- They could send inappropriate messages, links, or attempt to contact children directly.
- This can lead to unwanted calls, scams, or even more serious safeguarding issues.

How can children stay safe?

- **Only add people who are known and trusted by everyone in the group.**
- **Never share group links publicly** or with people outside their trusted circle.
- **Check group members regularly** and remove anyone who is not known to all.
- **Report and block unknown contacts** immediately.
- **Talk openly about online safety** and encourage your child to tell you if something feels wrong.

We ask that you take a few minutes to review your child's WhatsApp groups and remind them of these safety rules. Together, we can help keep our children safe online.

If you have any concerns or need advice, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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