

Victoria Primary School & Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I have been contacted by a parent informing me that their child, along with some other children from Victoria Primary School, have been added into a Whatsapp Group called 'Add Everyone You Know Goal 3000'.

I have also been informed that some of the content being discussed within this group is not age appropriate in nature.

Obviously, the children within this group (and we cannot be certain that all members are children) do not know 3000 people and that this is a huge safeguarding risk for all involved.

If your child has access to a mobile phone / tablet can I please reiterate the importance of regularly checking the online activity of your child – just to ensure their safety and welfare when online.

As a school, and a Principal, I continue in my efforts to remind parents that many social media apps are for children aged 13 and over – this includes Whatsapp. My advice remains unchanged. Children under the advised minimum age should not have access to social media etc.

As a school, we also provide excellent monthly Online Safety Newsletters and these can be found on our school website by <u>click here.</u>

Thanks,

Mr C. Fulton Principal