



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had to hold an unscheduled Year 7 assembly this morning after it emerged that a highly concerning group chat had been set up on social media. At one point over 100 of our Year 7 students had joined it to either view messages or to participate in messaging.

This group was focussed on arguing and insulting students from another local school, who responded in kind.

The content of many of the messages was of significant concern. They involved –

- Highly offensive and profane remarks
- Sexualised comments and content
- References to self harm
- Attempts to organise a mass fight on 21st December between the two schools in a park in Amesbury. Police are aware of this.

While we accept all of this happened out of school (sometimes very late at night/early morning) we are concerned by what pupils who viewed messages may have been exposed to.

Pupils have been told to opt out of the group, as have pupils at the other school and to the best of our knowledge it is now defunct. Please could you discuss this with your child, ensure they have nothing at all to do with it or other such groups and encourage them to be aware of the dangers of social media.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

