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Dear parents,

This morning I was alerted to the fact that a group of children in year 6 have been sending threatening and racially abusive messages to one another via WhatsApp on their mobile phones. I have listened to the messages and was shocked at the language used and the threats made.

I take this matter incredibly seriously and believe it to be a clear example of cyber bullying. I sent a letter out earlier in the school year warning parents about the use of mobiles and apps such as WhatsApp in particular. We also ran a workshop on E-Safety for parents. I am very concerned that children are sending messages which are racist, abusive using foul language and use threats of violence.

As a school I am determined to clamp down on bullying of any kind and would implore you to check what your children are writing or receiving from their peers on social media immediately. We will exclude children who behave in this way.

Many thanks for your support on this matter.

Kind regards,

Verity Carter
Headteacher