



## ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS C. E. (FOUNDATION) PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

### WhatsApp Concern

We have this morning received notification from the Calderdale Schools Safeguarding Adviser about a WhatsApp concern that appears to be circulating widely.

The circulation is called 'All year 7's around the world' and once opened it is reported to contain inappropriate pornographic content. The source of this circulation is not known, and steps have been taken to have it taken down as soon as possible. The police in Calderdale have been informed and support this message to you all.

Whilst the invite is to all year 7's, it seems very possible that any child with suitable curiosity and access to WhatsApp would likely go looking.

Despite the WhatsApp **recommended age of 13 years** to hold an account, we are aware that some children under this age have access to WhatsApp unsupervised. If your child uses WhatsApp we recommend you urgently check your child's phone and monitor their use.

Yours faithfully

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