

St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents

I write with regard to two safeguarding issues relevant to Year Six children and their families.

WhatsApp

We have been made aware of a WhatsApp group we believe is named 'Sowwwy'. We understand that a generic nude picture has been shared on this group. We have been reassured that this picture has been removed. Our understanding is that it was a generic picture and not a picture of any child at St Peter's.

We would advise that parents are fully aware of what if any chat or social media groups their children are accessing and ensure that their children's use of these groups is closely supervised and that children receive regular reminders around safe and appropriate use.

We would also take this opportunity to remind families that WhatsApp like many chat Apps has a minimum age use of 16.

Families can access further information and advice with regard to WhatsApp and other chat Apps via [NSPCC Chat Apps](#) and also [Parent Zone](#)

There is also information available via [Childline Report and Remove](#) regarding reporting and removing images shared online.



Through our PSHE work this term we will be revisiting the issues and themes around safe sharing of appropriate pictures and safe use of online communication tools.

Visit from our Local Community Police Officer

National Knife Crime week takes place 16th to 22nd May 2022. We are fortunate to work closely with Martin Powell (PSCO 5539) who is our local specialist police school's liaison officer.

Martin and his team are delivering sessions to children in Year 6 only to help inform them about the dangers of misusing knives and the impact of knife crime. Class teachers will be present and sessions are delivered using age appropriate content and with sensitivity to the age and stage of development of the year 6 children.

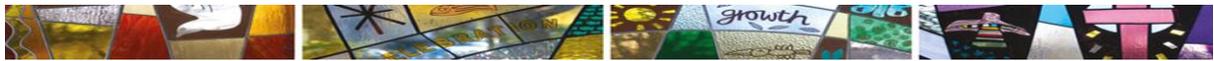
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Martin has shared in advance the main video that will be shared with children. We are pleased to share this with families so they are aware of the key messages children will receive. The video material can be accessed [here](#).

We appreciate this is a sensitive topic and may be particular sensitive to some families if they have experienced directly or indirectly knife crime or any form of violent or threatening behaviour. If there is this case or you would like to discuss this further please in the first instance arrange to speak to your child's class teacher.

Best wishes

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