



20<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Our ref: LMO/pra

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: WhatsApp Smartphone messaging app**

I am sorry to have to write to you regarding the WhatsApp smart phone app. As a result of some girls misusing the app towards one another during the evening, whilst in their own homes, we have had to deal with situations here in school. This obviously impacts on the students in their classrooms, and means that we are taking up valuable teaching time to deal with incidents related to the use of mobile phones in the evening.

I feel it necessary to ask you to check your daughter's phone and remove the app if you find it on there. If you are under 16 years of age, you are not permitted to use the WhatsApp Service – Point 9: <https://www.whatsapp.com/legal/>.

Whilst I recognise that carrying a mobile phone ensures that all parents/carers feel safer that their daughters can make contact with them on their way to and from the academy, I cannot condone them having a negative impact on learning time, particularly when the app itself does not condone the use of its software if you are under 16 years of age.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your daughters are only accessing apps which are age appropriate.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Monk  
Principal



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