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RE: WhatsApp - The World's Biggest Group Chat

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been made aware of a trending WhatsApp group currently circulating titled '**The World's Biggest Group Chat**' (or similar variations).

While the name may sound intriguing to children, we are writing to share some concerns regarding its potential content and to ask for your support in ensuring our pupils remain safe online. As a reminder, WhatsApp has a minimum age rating of 13+. To help protect your child, we recommend the following actions:

- **Check Devices:** Talk to your child and check if they have been added to this or any other large-scale group chat.
- **Leave and Report:** If they are in the group, help them leave and then report or block the admin/group.
- **Adjust Privacy Settings:** Within WhatsApp settings, you can restrict who can add your child to groups. We recommend setting "Who can add me to groups" to 'My Contacts' only.
- **Open Dialogue:** Reiterate the importance of telling a trusted adult if they see anything online that they are unsure of, or that makes them feel uncomfortable.

We will continue to address online safety in school and work together with you to ensure everyone stays safe online.

Thank you for your continued support. The wellbeing of your children is always our priority.

Yours sincerely,

The Safeguarding Team
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