



CAMPSMOUNT

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Dear Parent,

As part of our continued commitment to the safety and well-being of our students, we would like to make you aware of a concerning issue involving 'add everyone' WhatsApp groups. Schools and police forces across the UK have recently warned that these groups expose children and young people to explicit, harmful, and potentially distressing material.

An 'add everyone' WhatsApp group is created when one person invites a large number of contacts to join a group chat, often including people unknown to each other. These groups can expose young people to inappropriate content, including explicit images, videos, and messages that may be frightening or harmful. Additionally, children may encounter strangers who could attempt to engage them in unsafe or exploitative conversations.

What Parents Can Do:

1. **Talk to Your Child:** Have an open conversation about the risks associated with 'add everyone' groups on WhatsApp and other social media platforms. Explain why such groups can be dangerous and help them understand that these groups often involve unknown people and inappropriate content.
2. **Monitor Phone Use:** We encourage you to monitor your child's phone use and social media activity, including any group chats they may be part of. Familiarising yourself with who they are talking to online can help keep them safe.
3. **Seek Further Guidance:** For more information on this issue and practical advice on how to keep your child safe, please see the recent safeguarding alert by Safer Schools, available at this link: [Add Everyone WhatsApp Group Alert](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further support.

Yours sincerely,

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