



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

## SAFEGUARDING ALERT

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Local Safeguarding Team have made us aware of a concern regarding a National WhatsApp group. A hull school has been alerted by parents to a WhatsApp group their children are being added to, that currently has 800+ members.

This appears to be asking users to add all their contacts to create the largest group in the world (WhatsApp can currently have a max of 1024), without adults being present. The concern is the content within the group - the majority of users appear to be minors, although there is no way to verify this. Aside from the general bad language and online bullying and harassment, there is evidence of racist, homophobic and sexually explicit language, plus pornographic images / GIFS.

We are sharing this information to support you in keeping your child safe online.

Yours sincerely

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