

## **Pilgrims' Way Primary School**

## Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Children's Centre

Manor Grove, London, SE15 1EF

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I understand that many children communicate through WhatsApp and other social media platforms although most of these platform's state that users should be at least 13 years old.

We have become aware that children are setting up group calls and are inviting other children to join these groups. At times the behaviours on these calls are not what we would allow to happen in school.

Although these calls take place outside of school the negative impact that follows in school is considerable and take much time to resolve.

I would expect that incidents such as these are not repeated and would ask parents to ensure that they have appropriate parental controls on all their children's devices.

I would also ask that parents ensure that all WhatsApp groups are deleted and that only appropriate contacts remain such as family members.

If you have any questions or need further clarification or indeed help to have parental controls set up on any device, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I appreciate your support in this matter.

Kind regards,

Gregory Doey Executive Headteacher