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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has come to my attention that a group chat has been created on the mobile messaging application WhatsApp.

It is believed that the group contains more than 150 phone numbers. Some of these numbers may be linked to children within the Scottish Borders area, and several foreign numbers are also believed to be included.

Concerns have been raised that inappropriate and sexually explicit images have been shared within the group.

I would therefore ask all parents and carers whose children have access to WhatsApp to check their child's phone and ensure that they are not a member of this group.

An investigation is currently ongoing to establish the origins and purpose of the group chat. Any information or assistance from parents and carers would be greatly appreciated.

I would also like to remind everyone that WhatsApp is intended for users aged 13 and over, unless the account is set up and managed through appropriate parental supervision.

If you have any information that may assist with the investigation, please contact PC Liam Lawrence, your local School Link Officer. You can do this by leaving your details with your child's school or by calling 101 and requesting that a message be passed to him.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Kind regards,

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