

# WEATHERFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have been informed by a number of schools that their pupils have been added to a WhatsApp group without knowing and due to the setting on the phones, it allows others access to their devices. This is very concerning and below is a way of making sure mobile phones are better protected if your child is using WhatsApp, or indeed for yourselves:

*To disable this in WhatsApp - the instructions are below:*

*Change group privacy settings*

1. Tap > Settings.
2. Tap Privacy > Groups.
3. Select one of the following options:
  - o *Everyone: Everyone, including people outside of your phone's address book contacts, can add you to groups without your approval.*
  - o *My contacts: Only contacts in your phone's address book can add you to groups without your approval. If a group admin who's not in your phone's address book tries to add you to a group, they'll get a pop-up that says they can't add you and will be prompted to tap Invite to group or press Continue, followed by the send button, to send a private group invite through an individual chat. You'll have three days to accept the invite before it expires.*
  - o *My contacts except...: Only contacts in your phone's address book, except those you exclude, can add you to groups without your approval. After selecting My contacts except... you can search for or select contacts to exclude. If a group admin you exclude tries to add you to a group, they'll get a pop-up that says they can't add you and will be prompted to tap Invite to group followed by the send button to send a private group invite through an individual chat. You'll have three days to accept the invite before it expires.*
4. *If prompted, tap Done*

*One of the problems with this particular group is that it is linked to 'contacts'. We would therefore recommend group settings are set to 'My contacts except' and tick everyone on their contacts list. This will exclude anyone from adding them to a WhatsApp group without first receiving an invite*

Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Children In Need was a very successful event in school. Thank you to everyone for your support, assistance and contribution to the day. I would especially like to thank the School Council who planned the event and took part in the day fully. When the total amount raised in school is confirmed, I will inform everyone.

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## Christmas Activity Club

Christmas Activity Club will be on December 21st and 22<sup>nd</sup>, so if you want to book your child into this club and take advantage of some last minute Christmas shopping please email [info@disabilityinaction.co.uk](mailto:info@disabilityinaction.co.uk) for more information. Details can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter.'

Yours sincerely

Mr J Selmes  
Head Teacher



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**Time**  
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**Dates**  
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**Location**  
Weatherfield Academy, LU61AF

Please email  
**info@disabilityinaction.co.uk**  
for booking enquiries

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