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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has recently come to our attention that a number of children across the school are currently using the app 'musical.ly' on their digital devices. I have looked into the terms and conditions on 'musical.ly' and they very clearly state that the use of their app is prohibited under the age of 13. Please see a section of their terms and conditions found on their parent guidance below. If you know your child is on this app you may wish to access the whole parent guidance section by following this link: <https://musical.ly/en-US/for-parents>

How do I report a child under the age of 13 on musical.ly?

musical.ly's terms prohibits use of the app by anyone under the age of 13. Please do not allow your child under the age of 13 to use our apps.

If you learn that your child under the age of 13 has registered for a musical.ly account, you may alert us at privacy@musical.ly. We will promptly take steps to remove his/her account information from our platform and terminate the child's account.

Coincidentally, this app plus various other apps, were discussed at a local authority safeguarding network meeting this week. There are few apps, that permit users, under the age of 13 years old.

We do address internet safety in school however with the Summer holidays upon us I would also advise you all to check you have appropriate parental controls set on devices and that you discuss internet safety with your child. The sad fact is, any app that you can post videos or comments on, is open to be abused, from inappropriate silly behaviour to the sexual grooming of children. Some worrying pieces of information that were shared about 'musical.ly' at the meeting were – videos that are uploaded to 'musical.ly' automatically get uploaded to YouTube (dependant on your account settings), that children have received letters from fake music producers praising them on their musically ability and then unsurprisingly there is a history of sexual grooming incidents on this site.

If any pupil account details are made know to us, it is our duty as a school to report that users that are underage.

Best wishes,

Paula Jenkins

