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Dear Parents,

It has come to my attention that some children are using a range of APPS at home that can be accessed by members of the public. In particular, school has dealt with several incidents regarding the use of the 'Musically' and 'Lively' APPs.

I have spoken to the children about safeguarding themselves when they may be on an online APP and that they are at risk of being contacted by people who they do not know. We have also discussed how easy it is for strangers to find out where children live, or go to school, when they watch them online.

Many children were able to tell me of instances where this had happened to them and where someone unknown had tried to 'hack', 'follow' or contact them online. They also spoke about the fact that some children are playing on '18' rated games that allow online access without parental supervision.

It was clear that some parents are very closely monitoring children's usage and have the correct parental controls in place but it was also clear that some children are not safeguarded in this way. Please consider this carefully and explore the games your children are playing electronically.

The Online Safety section of our website has further guidance to help you safeguard your children and an online safety feed that updates regularly. It is also possible to go into any Vodafone shop and ask a member of staff to help you secure your child's phone or tablet. They will do this free of charge.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. It is as important that we safeguard all children online as we would in any public place.

Kind regards,

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