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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Safeguarding Concerns

I am writing to inform you of two issues that have been brought to the school's attention that I feel are important to share with you.

Issue 1: Stranger Danger

We have had 2 separate incidents reported to us regarding unwanted approaches made to young people in the local area, both incidents occurred in the early evening. As always we would encourage our students to be vigilant and take care when travelling to and from school.

Issue 2: Musical.ly App

All schools in Liverpool have been advised by the Local Authority Cyber Safety Team that the Musical.ly App is increasingly coming to their attention. They have informed us that "it appears to be an application that paedophiles are looking to exploit, as the main users are children."

As with most technologies it is not the app that is the problem but rather people using it to "follow" the accounts of young people. We are informed that the company who run the app are very cooperative when concerns have been raised. For further information regarding keeping your child safe online please visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

I hope by keeping you informed of safeguarding issues such as these, we can work together to ensure the safety of our students. As ever, if you have any concerns regarding your child's safety or that of any young people we would encourage you to contact the police for serious incidents or the school for less serious matters.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Rannard
Acting Headteacher