

Live.me

Recommend minimum age - 17+



There has been an incident involving an app available on smartphones, androids, tablets called "Live.me".

On 14/1/17 a young girl, age 12, set up a profile on "live.me" and performed on a "Livestream". The title of this was called, "I will do anything on camera".

The broadcast starts with the girl twerking. She is wearing her pyjamas. People then started to follow her broadcast. The girl has said she would allow anyone to watch her and there were 950 people watching her as the broadcast went on. People started to comment on the post. The girl continues to broadcast herself in a number of compromising situations.

When asked, the girl said she decided to download the "App", "Live.me" after her friends at school had told her about it. Following the download and livestreaming the girl had been messaged by a man who had told her to do things. The girl allowed the man to follow her by clicking "Follow" as she would anyone who wanted to view her videos.

The girl has been safeguarded and police are in a position to potentially identify the man. The purpose of this warning is to highlight the dangers of this app which some may or may not be aware of.

Yellow

Recommended minimum age - 18+

Similar incidents have been reported about an app called "Yellow" The NSPCC has warned that this new app, dubbed the "Tinder for teens", could be used by sexual predators to groom innocent young people.



Yellow is available for both the iPhone and Android devices and bills itself as a "free way to make new chat friends." Yellow has no checks in place that verifies the age of its users.

Roblox

Recommended minimum age 8+



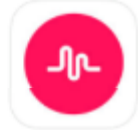
We are aware that this is a popular game with lots of our pupils. Please be aware that there is a message facility on the game where adults (strangers) can message children.

An appropriate message for parents would be - "We would urge you to delete the app from your children's devices and prevent them from accessing it online. Alternatively, please supervise the use of the game closely."

music.ly

Recommend minimum age 16

We would like to warn teachers and parents that 'paedophiles are using a hugely popular mobile phone app to groom children'. The app default settings for profiles is open and users need to be encouraged to check privacy settings.



Dubsmash

Recommended minimum age 13 with parents permission and 18+ without



There is an app called 'Dubsmash' which is a video messaging app where people can upload themselves singing over famous songs and then choose to share via WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram or via a text message. It is not intended for children under 18 and you must be 18 or 13 years or older with parents permission to use it.

There is also a question and answer site about the app where someone has asked whether or not they should upgrade to Dubsmash 2. It says 'Dubsmash 2 has nothing to do with Dubsmash but is a malware app that hides itself on phones and then pushes users to porn sites. As soon as it is set up, the icon deletes itself and runs in the background without the users knowledge.'

Monkey

Recommended age minimum age 13



Monkey is an app for making new friends on Snapchat. This app is similar to the Yellow app and has similar dangers. The official rating is 12+ for it due to possible communication and contact of a sexual nature.

Our E-cadets were superstars at the parent meeting and perfectly presented to the audience all about their jobs and how they improve learning about online safety at Pool Hayes Primary School. Well done to them all! Read all about them and their responsibilities and duties on the school website at: <http://www.poolhayesprimary.co.uk/online-safety.html>

Online Safety

Mr Carter and Miss Guy would like to thank all the parents who attended the Online Safety meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Many of the talking points were very sensitive and we think you all agree that keeping our children safe is of paramount importance to us, as a school and together as a local community. The presentation from the meeting can be viewed on the school website at www.poolhayesprimary.co.uk/online-safety.html. As requested the top 28 web acronyms have been added to the presentation for general viewing. Hard copies of the hand-outs can be collected at the school office.

The information to the left of this column provides guidance about the top apps that have been found to be a concern in recent months. Please take some time to see if your devices or your child's devices currently have any of them on them. If they do, adjustments to privacy settings may be needed, or even a complete uninstallation if you believe that it is necessary to do so.

