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Dear Parent/Carer

SOCIAL MEDIA – WIZZ APP

Last week I sent out a parent/carer message highlighting the assembly that had focused on **malicious communications, harassment, threats of violence (online) and image sharing**.

Since the assembly and communication, a new app has been brought to my attention.

This is called **WIZZ**



It markets as a safe space where those 16+ can “let loose and meet new friends from all over the world” with over 15 million downloads.

It is intended to be a place to make online friends from anywhere and everywhere. You are presented with other people’s profiles and can choose to swipe them away or swipe to start a conversation.

It has come to my attention that some students are using this app. It is a ‘dating app’ and young people can be linking in with strangers from across the world.

Once linked onto WIZZ users can share their Snapchat or Instagram accounts, direct message, or group chat. They are also being encouraged to disclose personal details and in some cases requests for nude and semi-nude images.

There are no parental controls and notwithstanding the age for entering the contract and downloading the app is 16+, this is quickly becoming a popular platform for young people under this age.

As explained in my earlier correspondence all children accessing social media require regular parent/carer checks for safety. I wanted to bring this to your attention as soon as possible.

Please let school know if you require any help or support.

On the school website there are several parent leaflets to assist you in your conversations at home to establish digital ground rules. There is also a wealth of information for parents online including family links from google.

West Yorkshire Police would like to thank you for your support of this very important safety message and are happy to answer any questions you may have around this subject.

Yours faithfully

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