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Dear Parents

It has been brought to my attention that several of our students may have downloaded a mobile phone app called 'Yellow' which encourages them to share photos with other users of the app. This has been branded as 'Tinder for Teenagers' and allows users to go through pictures of other users and 'like' them. If a mutual 'like' occurs then this allows the two users, who may be strangers, to connect via Snapchat where there is a risk of more explicit photos being shared.

The NSPCC has raised serious concerns that this app could be dangerous as it is very easy to set up false profiles and use it as a tool for contacting young and vulnerable people. It is available on the Apple and Android stores and is advertised as being for users aged 17 or over only, but there are no checks on the app to restrict the age of users. The NSPCC are urging parents to 'have a conversation with their children' about staying safe online and we would like to echo that message.

Whilst the use of mobile phones is not allowed in school as part of our Mobile Phone Policy, it is imperative that students understand the risks of this kind of site and we would ask that all parents regularly monitor what apps their children are accessing and downloading.

If you have any concerns regarding this or any other safeguarding issue, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Climate for Learning Leader.

Thank you for your support to keep our students safe on line.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Blanchard  
Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral Care and Welfare)

