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Dear Parent

## E-Safety Advice: Live.Me

Please see the information below which we are circulating on behalf of Merseyside Police:

*Live.me* is the fastest-growing social media streaming application available at the moment and has approximately 20 million users. It allows the user to live-stream videos of themselves and also allows users to watch other streamed videos.

The app has limited security features and it is possible for users to potentially identify the location where a video was recorded. It is possible for any video to be recorded and shared without the permission or knowledge of the person who made the video.

Merseyside Police would encourage parents to make sure they know what apps their child is using, how each app works and what their child is using it for. Many legitimate apps are being used by young people in a way that allows them to communicate with, or be contacted by, absolute strangers. This creates a significant risk to their child.

It is really important that society becomes more aware of the possible risk of exploitation on mobile apps and social media sites, and people know how to report suspicious activity to the police.

Parents have a responsibility to know what the warning signs are and to look out for them to prevent a child putting themselves at risk or forming inappropriate relationships online.

There is a wealth of advice available online:

<http://www.listentomystory.co.uk/>  
<https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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