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To the Parent/Carer of
children in Class 3 & Class 4

Dear Parent/Carer

E-Safety Issues

It has recently been brought to our attention that there have been a number of e-safety incidents involving primary age children from North Yorkshire and neighbouring counties. Whilst the incidents did not take place during school time I would like to bring these issues to your attention.

The incidents have highlighted safeguarding issues connected to certain apps on mobile devices. The apps [live.ly](#), [ooVoo](#) and [musical.ly](#) are supposed to only be able to access contacts on the user's phones, but it appears that unknown individuals are able to join group chats on these programs. Therefore, they pose a significant risk of inappropriate contact by unknown individuals and it is clear that they are not safe for children to use.

The school's advice is for parents to ensure that their child does not have access to [live.ly](#), [ooVoo](#) or [musical.ly](#) on their phone or tablet and check that their child has all the appropriate privacy settings switched on so they are protected when using any internet site.

If your child experiences or expresses concerns about online activity please report it to the police using 101 and/or <https://ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>. Wherever possible, a screenshot or picture of the concern should be taken for reporting purposes.

I hope you find this information helpful in enabling you to safeguard your children out of school.

Yours sincerely

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