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Dear Parent/Carer,

WIZZ APP

I would like to raise awareness of an app, WIZZ that we know some young people in Medway are using and unfortunately are being exposed to inappropriate content and contacts.

- The age limit for this app is currently set at 12+, however due the nature of the app in allowing for unrestricted access to unknown individuals, we strongly advise that students do not use this app.
- Please remind your child 'once online, always online' even if a post is removed it may have already been shared on or screenshotted, think twice before you post online.
- A digital footprint is a trail of data that you leave online, employers and higher education settings will carry out searches online, be mindful now so our posts do not affect our choices later in life.
- Apps like Wizz allow young people to make friends with strangers around the world, leaving them vulnerable to online grooming.

For further information with regards to the Wizz App, please read the attached guide from the National Online Safety platform.

If a student feels that any online communication is not kind or appropriate, it is important to report it to a trusted adult. Students are encouraged to speak with their PT in the first instance, we also have pastoral support available to help. If students would prefer to report via email, they can use refernow@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk. Students are also encouraged to report any concerns they may have with regards to their peer's online use.

Please find attached the link to National Online Safety if you would like to find out more about any particular Apps or other topics around online safety for your child, then please enrol on the platform as a parent/carer using the link below, you will then have free access to webinars, courses and guides about existing platforms and new platforms as they are introduced.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/chatham-grammar

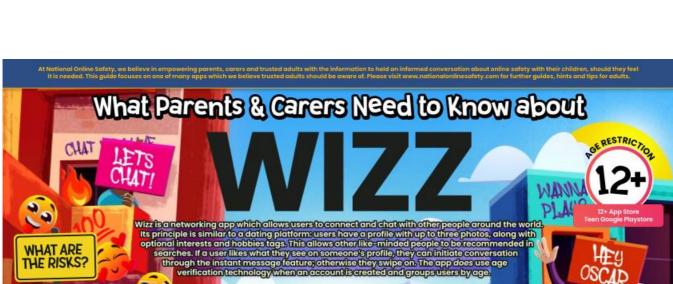
Yours sincerely,

Beth Sanger E-Safety Lead









OVER-SHARING

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

EXPLICIT CONTENT

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

BE SUPPORTIVE

EMPHASISE CAUTION

KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT



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