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Dear Parents and Carers

Kik Messenger

We have recently been advised by CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency), that there is an app that is causing them some concern.

Kik Messenger, commonly called Kik, is a freeware, instant messaging mobile app from the Canadian company Kik Interactive, available free of charge on iOS, Android and Windows Phone operating systems.

Kik Messenger has drawn controversy due to its reported involvement in a number of incidents of child exploitation. The app has been criticized as unsafe for minors due to its anonymity features and allegedly weak parental control mechanisms.

Please be aware that we have been advised by CEOP and Surrey Police that young people/teenagers should not be using this App.

We will be notifying all students through tutor period of the problems with this App.

Please discuss this with your son/daughter and advise them of the dangers.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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