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# Online Safety Newsletter



Issue 2

Dear Parent or Carer

I have received a variety of concerns from the local authority, which I feel you should be aware of.

## Talking Angela/Tom

These apps are often associated with a cartoon character - Tom for example is a cat.

It has been reported that whilst engaged with online chat supposedly with the character, children have reported being asked inappropriate questions, or inappropriate things being said.

It appears that the apps are easy to access by people who then use the webcam on the iPad to access the child.

The best advice is to delete such apps and avoid them completely.

## Gossip Pages

These have been a problem particularly for secondary school children. If you have older children it may be worth having a look.

## Dating Apps

The risks here are obvious and again for your older children it is worth being aware.

The latest is 'Tinder' which locates users near by.



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## Popjam

This is a social networking site for primary children. It encourages having as many friends as possible which has led to children friending strangers as well as peers. The dangers here are again obvious.

## General Points

Know your children's login & passwords - Login to their sites.

Be aware of age restrictions on sites.

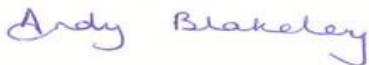
Where do your children go online? Nearer they are to you the more control you have.

Talk to your children about online safety.

Encourage your children to be open about their use.

Ensure your filters and security is up to date.

Yours sincerely



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