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Happy New year!! Please enjoy reading our January newsletter which highlights key messages and advice for you and your family to remain safe during the new year. Parents and Carers are reminded that this newsletter is for **both** Primary and Secondary school children, and therefore trust your judgement to share what you feel is relevant information for your family.

## Cyber Savvy?

# FIFTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### MEETME



MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.

### GRINDR



GRINDR IS A DATING APP CEARED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.

### SKOUT



SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17-YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.

### WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.

### TIKTOK



TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

### BADOO



BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.

### BUMBLE



BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.

### SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24

### KIK



KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

### LIVE.ME



LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.

### HOLLA



HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.

### WHISPER



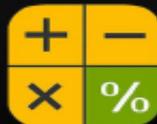
WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

### ASK.FM



ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

### CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.

### HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE. CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.

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## Parking outside schools!

We are sure most of you are all aware of the continuing issues regarding parking outside schools during drop off and pick up times.



**Unsafe, inconsiderate and dangerous parking is an offence and an increasing problem throughout our county, causing chaos for local residents and ultimately putting the safety of our children and others at risk.**

Please stop and think before parking. Consider - Am I being respectful? Am I parking illegally? Is my parking dangerous? We can all do our bit to reduce the issues of parking during school pick up & collection times. For the safety of your child, their friends and the local community we kindly request that you all park safely, legally and considerately.

Remember and consider:

- **DO NOT** park on single or double yellow lines
- **DO NOT** double park
- **DO NOT** stop or park on the zig zag lines or pedestrian crossing
- **DO NOT** park on pavements, corners or junctions
- **DO NOT** obstruct footpaths or cycleway's
- Consider car sharing
- Walk or cycle to school where appropriate
- And finally...**DO NOT** block the driveways of local residents.



## Edibles Warning!

We have previously covered edibles, unfortunately it is necessary to raise this concern once again as it has recently come to our attention that there are a variety of THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) infused products (**as pictured**) being distributed and seized in our communities. **Edibles** are cannabis based food products. They come in many different forms, such as gummies, sweets and brownies. These contain one or both of the cannabis active ingredients: Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC for short) or Cannabidiol (CBD for short). **In England cannabis is a class B drug, which also makes edibles a class B drug.** This means you could find yourself being arrested, fined and/or going to prison.



As you can see, they look very similar to well known branded sweets and could be mistaken for and digested by young children. We therefore urge parents and carers to be vigilant. These products can often be identified by a warning message in the small print on the packaging. THC is the principal psychoactive constituent of cannabis and there are health risks when consuming these products, which can include change in mood and body temperature, dry, red eyes or dry mouth, paranoia and anxiety and increased heart rate (to name a few). If you are concerned that someone may have consumed these, please contact 111 for medical advice without delay.



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## County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation

### What is County Lines?

County lines is the movement of illegal drugs and, or money from one area to another. Commonly, criminal gangs will persuade, coerce or force children and young people to store drugs and money to transport around the country to other drug dealers. This is why it is also known as Child Criminal exploitation or CCE. The **'County Line'** is the mobile phone line that is used to take the drug orders. **It is against the law and is recognised as a form of child abuse.**



### How it works

County Line gangs are usually highly organised and will work with a hierarchy of gang leaders. Each gang member plays a specific role within the structure but ultimately it will be the lower level members (**usually vulnerable children**) who will be expected to transport the drugs across counties and deliver to the dealers. Click on the following link. Parents against child exploitation (PACE) explains County Lines in more depth: <https://paceuk.info/criminal-exploitation/what-is-county-lines/>

### Recruitment and Grooming

Within the gang structure there are older members. Their job role will include identifying and befriending vulnerable children. A child or young person who is 'recruited' then becomes exploited and manipulated until they are so entrenched and trapped it becomes nearly impossible for these victims to break free. This is also known as **Grooming!** Please visit the NSPCC website for information on Grooming. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/grooming/>

### Spotting the signs

Here are some of the signs to look out for if you are worried or concerned about a child who might be involved in County Line activity or you may suspect are being groomed.

- Persistently missing from home or school
- Significant decline in school performance
- Unexplained possession of money, new clothes or mobile phones
- Being secretive and vague about their whereabouts
- Change of behaviour and friendship groups
- Unexplained injuries and refusal to seek medical help.



This list is not exhaustive and further information regarding indicators and risks can be found on the PACE UK website via this link <https://paceuk.info/criminal-exploitation/indicators-and-risks-of-criminal-exploitation/>

**Support and advice is out there! If you are concerned or worried about a child –please report!**

Police: 999 in an emergency, 101 non emergency

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

Childline: 0800 1111 [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

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# Becoming a police officer

## A great career, welcoming diversity

There's never been a better time to become a police officer. It's a great career where every day is different and you get to make a difference. From neighbourhoods, to dogs, road policing and major crime, there's exceptional variety and opportunities. We're also committed to recruiting a workforce that reflects the communities we serve, so we're particularly keen to hear from you if you're female or from an ethnic minority background.

## Degree apprenticeship

Become a police officer. Earn while you learn. A fully funded degree. Sound good? That's what we're offering in our Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA). You will earn as you study for a degree in professional policing practice and receive on-the-job training. If you do not have A-levels, then certain career experience and time as a Special can be used instead.

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## Special Constable

Special constables come from all walks of life and volunteer a minimum of 16 hours a month to their local police areas. They provide a link between the police and the community and are sworn in by a magistrate in the same manner as a regular police officer. They work alongside their regular colleagues, wear the same uniform and have the same powers in law, including the power of arrest.