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E-safeguarding Warning!



Dear Parent/Carers

On Tuesday Leeds safeguarding board issued a safety warning to all their schools to ask parents to ensure their children **do not** use the **live.ly** live video stream app.

An incident occurred on Monday, involving a group of pupils in a local school, where a man gained access into their group chat and committed a serious sexual offence in front of the children. It was reported that a man, who was not known to them, joined the chat and then carried out the crime.

What is the live.ly app?

Please can parents check to see if your child has downloaded the app and if they have please delete it immediately. Whilst this app is only supposed to access contacts on the user's phone, it appears that quite quickly friends of friends of friends are able to join the group chat, many of which your child will not know. It is therefore an unsafe app for children to use, as it risks either an incident, such as the one that happened above in one of our local Schools, or police are warning, a risk of grooming or sexual exploitation.

Please talk to your children and remind them that if someone's behaviour, online or in person, has made them feel scared or uncomfortable then they must tell you.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Iain Jones
Headteacher