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Dear Parent/Carers

It has been brought to our notice that some of the children at Jotmans Hall Primary School have installed and are accessing the app musical.ly on their phones, laptops and tablets.

When using musical.ly children have access many different music videos that often contain inappropriate and suggestive language and dancing. In addition to this, children can film themselves lip-synching to the songs and upload their video to the website. Therefore as other people can view videos posted by a child, there are concerns regarding internet safety, through musical.ly.

There are security settings, which can be set, so only a child's friends can see their videos. However within the app there are hashtags and search facilities that enable other people to:

- follow a child
- enable a child to access explicit materials

Therefore we are asking Parent/Carers to check if their child has downloaded or has access to this app and if so, to closely monitor their child's usage of this app. If you discover that they have been asked for personal information or they are viewing explicit material, please could you report this information immediately to the Police.

Thank you for your support, in helping to keep all the children of Jotmans Hall Primary School, safe from any dangers that can arise through the use of social media.

Yours sincerely

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