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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of the utmost importance regarding an app called 'Wizz App'. We have recently become aware that this app is being widely used by young people and is being advertised as a 'dating website'. As parents, I believe it is crucial for you to be aware of the dangers and risks associated with this app.

Wizz app lacks parental controls, making it extremely susceptible to misuse. It specifically targets vulnerable pupils, putting them at risk of exposure to inappropriate and potentially harmful content. While it is marketed as a platform to "meet new friends," it is widely perceived as a dating app. Consequently, some users' profiles contain sexually explicit material and live chat conversations can quickly turn into sexting.

The app's swiping feature, similar to adult dating apps, has earned it the nickname 'Teen Tinder'. This feature allows users to view strangers' profiles and make decisions based on a simple swipe, either dismissing them or initiating a conversation.

Considering the potential consequences this app may have for our pupils, it is crucial that we take the necessary precautions to protect them from its harmful effects. I strongly urge you to discuss this matter with your child and consider implementing appropriate measures to restrict their access to Wizz.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Knott
Head of Year 9

