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Dear Parents

## E-SAFETY CONCERNS

We would like to make you aware of two websites that are causing e-Safety concerns.

The first website is called **Musical.ly** and is also available as an app on iPads and other tablets. Musical.ly allows children to make and share 15 second music videos. These feature users lip-syncing to the latest songs provided by the app, singing their own songs or doing comedy skits.

Users can record themselves and then post the video to their followers and share it on other networks such as Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp. Like other social networks, users can follow others, comment and 'like' videos on the app.

**What do parents need to watch out for?** • Chatting to strangers • Giving abuse to, or receiving abuse from, other children • Sharing their child's videos with other people

**If you know your child is using Musical.ly, please ensure you know exactly where they are posting their videos to.**

The second website that is causing some e-Safety concerns is called **Roblox**. Roblox is a game-creation site where users design and upload their own games, as well as play other games in a multiplayer environment. Some of the gameplay is advanced, and many games include weapons.

The site offers a safe-chat mode for those under 13, as well as a parent login that lets you oversee your child's use of the site. However, there have been reports of users thwarting the chat and exchanging inappropriate/predatory messages with young players.

**What do parents need to watch out for?** • Chatting to strangers • Receiving inappropriate/predatory messages • Children spending real money to unlock additional items

**We strongly recommend using the very informative website [ww.common sense media.org](http://ww.common sense media.org) to review any new application, website or game to enable you to make an informed decision as to whether it is appropriate for your child.**

**Please be vigilant about what your child is doing online and monitor their use of social media.**

Yours sincerely

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