

Internet App KIK

We have recently been alerted by one of the area Children's Social Care teams about an apparently new internet app called KIK.

We are told that this app is like Facebook but without the ability for users to put restrictions in place. It is provided by a Canadian based company who are not cooperative in terms of sharing information with the British Authorities even regarding child protection issues and the Police advise that in the USA, Australia and other countries they warn against use of KIK.

KIK is reported to be well known in these countries to be used by risky adults to gain access to children.

This came to light because an adult thought to be local targeted a number of young people who attend Warwickshire schools and sought to persuade/incite them to send indecent images.

The situation is being addressed through due procedures and the individual is being pursued by the Police.

We have been asked to bring this app and its associated risks to the attention of parents.

With thanks and kind regards,

Harris School