

Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been brought to our attention that some students may be accessing a site/app called Moviestar Planet.

MovieStarPlanet is a free social interactive fantasy website and app which is targeted at young people. The aim is for the young person to choose a movie star character and dress them up, make movies, play games and chat to others. We would like to ask parents to be vigilant if your child has access to the app. It has been discussed widely on several popular parenting sites, where parents have voiced concerns over it, giving examples of children being sent inappropriate messages, accounts being hacked and children warned for reporting others. Moviestar Planet even offers rewards for befriending strangers and options that allow players to be boyfriend or girlfriend.

As with all apps and websites which allow social networking via chat or live streaming there is a risk that young people are befriending people they do not know in person, and have never met. These interactions may be inappropriate and we would advise that all young people only befriend people they actually know. They should never share personal details and we recommend that parental vigilance regarding what your child is doing online is essential.

We would like you to be aware of the following guidelines and take action, where necessary: www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

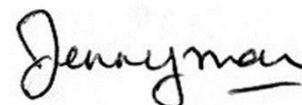
- Seriously consider telling your daughter that she is not allowed to use this or any app of a similar nature
- Whether you allow your daughter to use certain apps or not, have a conversation with her about appropriate use, including how the anonymous or instantaneous nature of online communication can change the way people behave.
- Report any inappropriate material online, grooming or material of a sexual nature. Please report it to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) on:

To keep up to date with advice on apps that children have access to, please visit: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/How-to-guides/>

With thanks in advance for your support and assistance in this important matter.



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