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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have recently received advice from Essex County Council about further websites we feel you need to be aware of. No information has come to us about it being our pupils that are accessing these sites but we believe it is the right thing to do to make you fully aware of the advice being given to Essex schools. As you know from my previous correspondence we have a duty of care for our pupils and are striving to do all we can to ensure that you are given the latest information to help safeguard our young people.

The website www.fmylife.com is used by people to blog stories of unfortunate happenings in their life and people are following them. The concern is that some young people are using the site to put across very negative messages about other people which is causing distress.

www.makemeflinch.com uses your webcam and splits the screen between you and someone else that is logged on and is supposed to be a staring game between the two of you. However, the young people could be linked to anyone and they would be on camera to them.

Another site to be aware of is www.flingtheworld.com which is very similar to snapchat. The difference being that when you upload your image it "flings" it to 50 people at random that are signed up to the app.

It is recommended that by logging on to <http://www.net-aware.org.uk> you will be able to type in the name of any site and it will tell you what type of website it is, the minimum user age, views of parents and other young people, shows a risk assessment that they have conducted on the site and any similar sites that are around.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming school event.

Yours sincerely,



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