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Dear Parent/Carer

Roblox App

It has been brought to the schools attention that there have been a number of serious concerns raised by staff, parents and local police about the Roblox App.

The following message from an online E-Safety company was issued to parents in Kent following a school visit:

We are putting out this post following our visit to a school yesterday. As most people know we are concerned about the popular app ROBLOX which is by far the most popular game played by children from 5 to 10 years of age.

We were talking to a very large group of year 1 students and we were shocked when over half of them said they were playing ROBLOX. When we spoke to Year 2 at least 70 percent of them were playing the game.

Most of these children then disclosed that they had online friends in ROBLOX that their parents didn't know about. It got worse when many of the children stated they had received many in game messages from 'strangers' and that they hadn't told their parents. All of the children then stated that they had seen 'naked' characters walking around the game and that the characters were doing very adult things.

The inappropriate content has been disclosed to us thousands of times by young children but we were previously unaware that the children were being sent numerous messages. When talking to Year 3 students they suggested that a lot of the messages are inappropriate. In all cases the children aren't telling their parents.

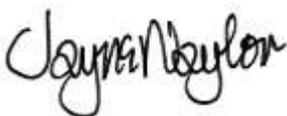
Most of the young children we spoke to yesterday appear to have been talking to strangers in the game by using a headset to speak. The headset is usually just a normal set of ear pods that you would get bundled with an Apple device as opposed to a specific gaming accessory.

We would advise every parent to check their child's ROBLOX account and look to see if they have friends that they do not know. Many of the children we spoke to yesterday said their accounts were 'maxed out' meaning they have 200 online friends.

We would also ask parents to check the child's in game message inbox to check if they have been receiving inappropriate messages.

PLEASE CAN EVERYONE SHARE THIS POST SO THAT PARENTS KNOW TO CHECK THEIR CHILDS ACCOUNT.

Yours sincerely



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