

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to make you aware of an app called **Renz - Make New Friends**, which has recently come to our attention through conversations with students.

Renz is a social networking app designed to connect users with new people through profiles, messaging and friend-matching features. The app encourages users to meet and communicate with individuals they do not already know. According to its app store description, users can swipe through profiles, chat with others, and share social media details to continue conversations on other platforms.

We would also like to highlight that, based on information available through the app stores, Renz does not appear to require robust age verification during the sign-up process. Additionally, children may be able to download and create an account without parental verification or consent, depending on the settings applied to their device. Whilst parental controls may be available through Apple and Android devices, these controls are not always activated, meaning young people could access the app independently. This makes it particularly important for parents and carers to regularly review the apps installed on their child's devices and discuss safe online behaviour.

Yours sincerely,

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