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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you about a digital platform called Bandlab which your child may have used as part of their music education.

BandLab is a tool which supports music creation and collaboration. Its use in lessons at school is closely monitored by teaching staff but the platform is also publicly available outside school and has features that we don't use in school that are more appropriate for older users. We therefore kindly ask that you ensure your child is not accessing BandLab at home. We are also currently reviewing our use of BandLab in school to ensure it continues to meet our expectations and will keep you informed of any decisions or changes.

This letter also gives me the opportunity to ask you to review the settings, privacy features and age restrictions of all apps and platforms that your child may have on their phone, and that you speak with your child about their online activity overall and reinforce the importance of responsible and safe behaviour when using digital platforms. This is a good digital health check that we would suggest you should do regularly with your child.

As part of our wider commitment to safeguarding, we will be holding regular assemblies focused on digital safety and responsible online behaviour. This will be supported by learning through the PSHE curriculum, helping children to build the knowledge and awareness they need to stay safe online, both in and out of school.

The digital world presents many opportunities for young people but their safety must be prioritised. The best digital education is delivered by both schools and parents, and so your continued support so that we work together on this issue is much appreciated – thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Your sincerely,

Ms Williams

Principal
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