## Clacton County High School

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#### **FACE CAST**

We always endeavour to keep our parents up-to-date with the latest e-safety information, to help them ensure the safety of students whilst they are online. Please be aware of a new app launched recently, which has led to many child protection services working together to safeguard children who are using it.

The description given by the website:

FaceCast is a popular global live video Community with young people's favourite short videos, live broadcasts and random matching video chats.

The 'FaceCast' app can be accessed by anyone with any intention without personal information needing to be handed over. The website is not based in the UK meaning that any young persons who log on are likely to be talking to persons from all over the world.

The app, although designed for those over 18, allows children who state they are 13 to access it and use a live video mode, chat to strangers and to earn in-app coins;



there is now a concern that the app is being used as a platform for child sexual exploitation.

This website can be easily accessed by anyone and maybe a trend amongst young persons.

Please be vigilant and ensure that the correct safeguards and precautions are being taken. With the correct safety settings on your home Wi-Fi and parental controls the website can easily be blocked. If you are unsure how to do this then, if find this app on your child's phone as part of your regular checks, we recommend you delete the app to ensure their safety.



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If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact a member of the CCHS Safeguarding team, via the school reception on 01255 424266.

If you are concerned that your child may have been exploited via the FaceCast app, please contact the police.