Safety Guidance about Houseparty App

A message from Mrs Brown and Mr Phillips:

"We just wanted to bring to your attention the app called **'Houseparty'** and the secret dangers of using this app.

Houseparty - What is it exactly ? .....

Houseparty is the face-to-face social network where you can connect with the people you care about most. The app makes connecting face to face effortless, alerting you when your friends are "in the house" and ready to chat so you can jump right into the conversation. The same goes for you opening the app! Your friends will know you're in the app and ready to chat, so they can join you.

So what are the dangers of this app ?

Of recent reports there has been an circulation on social media of this entertaining for social games and connected parties to join. However, it's the dangers that have been taking place such as sexual and pornographic content and theft identity- that's correct the app is able to access the main portals to your phone these are as follow(s):

- Internet banking - Retrieve money from your internet banking
- Obtain your current location and address details can changed and used
- WI-Fi handler hotspot information can be obtained
- Your number and address can be stolen and changed , it goes that far that the app is able to help someone change your Deed Poll information by the use of this information,

Please be aware that this app is easily accessible to children and parental controls are notified once active on chat rooms. We have provided details on how to delete your account step by step for IPhone and Samsung as you need to delete your account and the uninstall. However, even the step by step to deleting this app is very unorthodox."



Deleting your account on iPhone from your phone (gets super creepy)

- Open the app
- Click on the smiley face or notifications on the top left, that takes you to the Friends section
- Tap the settings gear at the top left of the Friends screen.
- Tap Privacy
- Then Delete Account
- Ignore the really creepy confirmation message that tells you you can "NEVER get it back" and tap the big red Yes. Be strong.
- It then asks for your password and asks "Are you absolutely positive? Enter your password if you really want to delete it.", because this app now seems to think it's appropriate to behave like a clingy ex during a breakup.
- Then it doubles down with a somehow even more emotionally manipulative message that literally says: "Last chance to change your mind! You're breaking our hearts". Stay the course, it's a machine written by a corporation: It doesn't have a heart.
- Hit the red delete button and you're done and free.

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