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Dear Parents

Staying safe online

We would like to make parents aware of an internet challenge that young people are seeing which is being promoted through sites such as Whatsapp, Instagram, Minecraft and Youtube. It is called Momo. This is not something that you would ideally want your children to be aware of as it deals with very grown up themes. The images used are quite scary and messages can be threatening. Some further information can be found here.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/three-minute-briefing-momo-challenge>

The purpose of this letter is to once again highlight why we would always advocate not letting children have unsupervised access to Social Media pages or apps which have in site cookies that allow the promotion of other webpages. Please check your child's pages, messages, sites and talk to them about not sharing personal information. These are messages we share regularly with the children at school but it is good to have them reinforced at home. Encourage them to talk to you about information they are unsure about and have regular conversations about what they are seeing and doing online. We are living in an increasingly IT accessible world where we cannot filter what children see at all times, which is why we need to keep on top of this and be aware that, due to the Internet, children do have access to information which is sometimes beyond their understanding. It is crucial that there are continued discussions as similar 'challenges' will emerge in the future.

If your child is worried about anything they have heard or seen online, please encourage them to talk to you and/or their class teacher.

Thank you for your help and support as always.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher