



Dear Parents

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - E-SAFETY**

We are fully aware that there has been lots of publicity with regards to a highly inappropriate online game called 'The Momo Challenge'. The Momo challenge is the latest in a series of online challenges that has emerged and caused enormous concern across the country. Sometimes the challenges are more myth than reality but that does not reduce the worry. Please be aware that this is a game that the children should not get involved with. If you would like to read more about this, please follow the link <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/three-minute-briefing-momo-challenge>

As an academy, we build e-safety into our curriculum and this is something we ask our children to be extra-vigilant with. Children and young people spend a lot of time online – it can be a great way for them to socialise, explore and have fun. But children do also face risks like this and cyber bullying or seeing content that's inappropriate.”



Talking to your child is one of the best ways to keep them safe. You can also use parental controls on social networks, online games and browsers and on both hardware and software that can filter or monitor what your child can see.

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Preventing your children from using the internet or mobile phones won't keep them safe in the long run, so it's important to have conversations that help your child understand how to stay safe and what to do if they ever feel scared or uncomfortable."

Here are a few tips on how to keep them safe

1. Have the conversation early and often
2. Explore online together
3. Know who your child is talking to online
4. Set rules and agree boundaries
5. Make sure that content is age-appropriate
6. Use parental controls to filter, restrict, monitor or report content
7. Check they know how to use privacy settings and reporting tools

Kind regards,

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