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Dear Parent/Guardian,

27/02/2019

## IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ

It has been brought to our attention that some children in our school have heard of a challenge called a "Momo Challenge". The challenge involves the sending of graphic images and instructions to encourage/dare users to hurt themselves and others. There is a lot of information about this "Momo Challenge" for you to read on the internet, but we feel that information about this should be handled sensitively with your children.

We recommend that you closely monitor the internet and the social media that your child is accessing. If you hear your child is talking about the "Momo Challenge", Googling it, or asking questions about it - we encourage you to talk to your children. We recommend staying calm, being inquisitive and highlighting both the positives and the negatives of social media and the internet.

It should be made clear, however, that the "Momo Challenge" is not a good thing and the children should not be enticed to take part. It should also be emphasised that it is not something that children should be afraid of. Encourage your child not to share information about the "challenge" to others, as children talking about these things to their friends can sometimes cause increased problems.

At school, we have not talked about the "Momo Challenge" to large groups of children and it is likely that your child does not know anything about it at all. We feel it is important to give you some information so that as parents and carers you are aware of the current online issues.

During our internet safety week, this latest issue, and other important issues will be discussed with PC Chris King at an eSafety information sharing meeting straight after school on:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 @ 3:30PM

We feel that it is important that parents endeavour to attend.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see me beforehand, or PC Chris King on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Many thanks  
Mr Breslin  
KS2 Manager