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Dear Parent/Carer

Momo Social Media Challenge

A recent social media challenge targeting children and young adults called the "Momo Challenge," has created concern throughout the country due to its disturbing nature. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of this challenge, provide you with information about it, and urge you to monitor your children's use of social media and the Internet. The "Momo Challenge," a game found on Facebook and the app WhatsApp, features a frightening avatar who asks its viewers to perform various tasks and provide photos as proof. The "Momo" threatens those who do not perform the tasks.

You can learn more about the "Momo Challenge" by visiting the links below. Please be warned that some of the images and stories may be disturbing:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-47359623>

https://guce.oath.com/collectConsent?sessionId=3_cc-session_cebd2d21-8839-4ea1-a9b6-92b2ed470a88&lang=en-gb&inline=false

The links below will provide you with assistance in ensuring your child is safe when using Social Media. I advise you to read this information to ensure full protection is in place.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers-whose-children-are-using-social-media>

Colleagues have been made aware of this information to ensure students are protected whilst in school along with ensuring our School Network will block any type of suspicious activity linked to this. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at school.

Yours faithfully



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