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Dear Parents and Carers.

It has been brought to my attention that the 'Momo Challenge' which is targeted at young children has been seen on Youtube Kids and Minecraft as well as on other online games and sites specifically for young children.

A grotesque face appears, similar to a witch, with distorted, frightening features and instructs children to behave badly and in a dangerous way, for example, they are told to turn the cooker on, or to take pills; it warns them not to tell an adult and if they do something horrible will happen to them. This has been reported to me by one of our mums; she has been told that it comes out of an egg, sometime after a video has begun, so even if you are checking the content, it comes much later on.

This is a link to the challenge that I have been able to source; https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1092085/Momo-challenge-death-suicide-what-is-it-internet-young-children-parents

A child in year one told me this morning that they had been playing on 'Youtube' on their mummy's phone and a horrible face appeared, which she clicked on! We have also had an incident where one child scared another child by telling them stories that had been told to them by older children, who had seen them on the internet.

During our recent e-safety week we spoke with many of our children about safe use of the internet and a large number of children explained that they are allowed to use their tablets unsupervised in their bedrooms. I would strongly advise against this and would like to encourage you to supervise all online activity.

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Judy Wheeler Headteacher





