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Our Christian School Values: Love, Perseverance and Respect

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Dear Parents and Carers

Many of our KS2 children have been talking about the latest craze - Momo challenge - which is currently sweeping the internet. At this moment in time, it is a concerning hoax; there is no concrete evidence to say it is linked to violent acts or self-harm. Therefore the advice from safeguarding officers and the police is to remain calm and not to panic. However some of the Momo Challenge videos are worrying if seen by young people.

Please find below some advice to support your children at home:

- Remain calm and speak to your child about where they are going online. Try to be curious by asking lots of “how” questions and not “why” questions. For example: “how are you going to keep safe on YouTube?”
- Talk to your child about thinking critically about what they see online, this challenge has really highlighted this and not everything you see online is real
- It is recommended that bedrooms should be digital free zones

At school teachers are reminding all pupils as part of the computing lessons about how to keep themselves safe on the internet and what the pupils should do if they are in any way concerned about ‘Momo’.

We have also asked PC Briginshaw to come and do some follow up work with our year 5 and 6 children following our recent internet safety talks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Paula Shaw

