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Dear Parents

The letter below was shared with all staff in response to the latest social media challenge which we find ourselves monitoring. Please be vigilant in monitoring your children's social media interactions.

Dear Staff:

Yet another dangerous young trend is among us. The “**Momo Challenge**” encourages children to commit dangerous and potentially violent acts through social media and video games, such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, Minecraft, ROBLOX and many more. Momo is a ghoulish-looking avatar that has threatened and cyberbullied children across the world. The challenge has been linked to suicides in other countries. If children refuse to do the “**challenge**”, Momo threatens to leak personal information, leaves disturbing messages, and sends violent images. Parents are being encouraged to monitor children's activity. If you hear pupils talking about the Momo Challenge, please address the dangers. If you have any questions, please reach out. As always, your eyes and ears into the lives of our pupils are much appreciated. Thank you!

Here are some articles on the challenge:

<https://www.app.com/story/news/education/2018/12/11/viral-momo-challenge-causes-lost-sleep-frayed-nerves-brick/2269677002/>

http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/2018/august/parents-beware-dangerous-momo-internet-challenge-sweeping-the-globe?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=focusonthefamily

Kind Regards,
Mrs R Parry-McDermott
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