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Dear Parents and Carers,

You are probably already aware of the MOMO challenge online and how this is affecting children. This challenge has been around for some time and has recently re-surfaced; it has been nicknamed a 'suicide killer game'. A scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images and asks online users to take part in challenges, often associated with self-harm and occasionally associated with suicidal actions.

MOMO has been linked with many apps and, most worryingly, YouTubeKids is one of these apps.

If your child has not heard of MOMO or mentioned it, we do not suggest talking about it; this may arouse their curiosity and encourage them to search online.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com is a website I would recommend you refer to, with advice and information you can use to help keep your child/young adult safe online. There are also some posters which highlight information about e-safety with regards to specific apps such as YouTube, WhatsApp and Facebook.

A copy of this letter and MOMO poster - and posters from www.nationalonlinesafety.com - have been added to our website.

Yours Sincerely,

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