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Ref: JAP/PAS

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have recently been contacted regarding online content linked to 'MoMo'.

MoMo has been around for the last 18 months and is not new. It was originally an app but that has since been removed and it has recently re-appeared online as a series of alarming videos that are being distributed via 'WhatsApp', YouTube and online gaming (live streaming).

A simple tip, to help to ensure that these videos are not accessible is to turn off 'auto play' on YouTube and ensure that your contact details are hidden on WhatsApp. Make sure the 'no fill' option is 'on' within Fortnite and all settings within your Xbox and PlayStation are closed.

It is worth being aware that there also some suggestions that the media have over-dramatised this resurgence of 'MoMo' and that all of this recent publicity amounts to 'Fake news'. Please see the article below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-47393510>

As always we would advise parents to take a keen interest in the online activities of their children to ensure that they remain safe, as I am sure you are aware there is a large amount of disturbing content available online.

In light of Momo resurfacing we thought it was a good opportunity to remind all members of our community about staying safe online. To help keep your child safe online we would ask you to get involved and supervise what your child/teenagers are watching, whatever it may be. We would also like to draw your attention to the information on the Claverham website regarding online safety.

<https://claverham.e-sussex.sch.uk/students/staying-safe-online/>

A flyer is attached to the email for additional information regarding Momo.

Should you have any concerns please contact your child's Head of House, or any member of the Pastoral Team.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Pitman".

Mrs Pitman
Head of PSHE