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Dear Parents/Guardians

Advice for Parents -Social Media and Hoax Social Media Challenges

Social networks can be a great way of allowing children to stay in touch with their friends. However, there's currently no common set of child safety rules or laws that social media sites have to follow. Each site gets to decide what steps they take to keep children safe. A parent approached me in school today about this challenging subject and as part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding children we advise parents to research this area of concern and if they feel their children have access to these types of sites, to talk issues through with their children and ensure they know these videos are not real and that the challenges issued should not be taken seriously.

Hoax social media challenges have been affecting teenagers and children as young as 7 years old in this country and they can be very troubling for young children, teenagers and their families. Even when these social media challenges are a "hoax" the story, images and videos can be disturbing.

One mum, who asked not to be identified, said she was "deeply alarmed" when her seven-year-old son's teacher told her he'd made threats to other children in school. "She said he had made three kids cry by telling them that 'Momo was going to go into their room at night and kill them'." "When we got home I spoke to him about this and he told me that some kids at school had told him to look at the 'Momo challenge' which he did." "When we watched a video the 'Momo' character told him to tell everyone to fear Momo or it will kill him in his sleep. So I have one very frightened little boy and some deep concerns about the kids in his school. (Taken from Walesonline- concerning a school in Wales)

Online safety guidance for parents advises parents how to find the opportunity to talk to their children about managing risk and the dangers of social media sites of how often these creepy stories and characters are used as bait by criminals to steal data and extort people on the internet by asking them to do dangerous things or telling them their families/friends are in danger unless they complete the challenges given. Talking to your children will help them to recognize a dangerous situation if they are faced with this.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT STAYING SAFE ONLINE

An NSPCC Cymru/Wales spokesman said: "The constantly evolving digital world means a steady influx of new apps and games and can be hard for parents to keep track of. "That's why it's important for parents to talk regularly with children about these apps and games and the potential risks they can be exposed to.

"The **NSPCC** publishes advice and guidance for parents on discussing online safety with their children, as well as Net Aware – the UK's only parental guide to social media and gaming apps."



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The NSPCC and O2 are working together to help parents to keep their children safe on social networks. They have a very informative webpage at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/> which gives parents expert advice on how to keep their children safe online.

The NSPCC keeping children safe online guidance can be found at

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

If adults are concerned or have any questions on how to approach the subject with their children you can contact the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 or visit the NSPCC website. Children who are feeling worried about their activity on apps or online games can contact Childline 24 hours a day, online and over the phone, on 0800 11 11 or by visiting www.childline.org.uk

There are also useful links on our website at www.stanbridge.beds.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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25-27 th February	Year 3 Grafham Residential Field Trip
26 th February	Yr1/2, 3/4 Inclusion Sports Festival 2pm
1 st March	PTFA Odd Socks Day
7 th March	World Book Day - all year groups PTFA colouring competition 50p per entry
14 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly, 2.45pm
19 th March	Yr3/4 High 5 Netball 2pm
21 st March	Science Day - all year groups
26 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30 - 6.30pm
28 th March	Yr1/2 Sports Hall Athletics 2pm
29 th March	PTFA Mother's Day Sale
2 nd April	Yr3/4 Girls Football 2pm
3 rd April	Pre-school Class Assembly, 2.45pm
5 th April	Last Day of Term
23 rd April	1 st Day of Term
25 th April	Yr 1/2 Sports Hall Athletics
9 th May	Year 3/4 High 5 Netball 2pm
20 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly, 2.45pm
20 th - 22 nd May	Yr 4 Residential Field Trip for Year 4
27 th - 31 st May	Half Term
6 th June	Yr 3/4 Kwik Cricket 10am
13 th June	Yr 1/2 Tri Golf 2pm
14 th June	Sport's Day on Field



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20 th June	Reception Class Assembly, 2.45pm
27 th June	Yr3/4 Quick Sticks 4pm
2 nd July	Yr 3/4 Orienteering 2pm
11 th July	Children meet their new teacher for the following year
12 th July	Reports and New Class Lists to Parents
15 th July	Open Afternoon 2pm
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19 th July	Yr 4 Award Ceremony
19 th July	Last Day of Term

Brief Explanation of Sessions for new Parents

Sporting Events: School is part of the Leighton Linlade Sports Partnership who provide many sporting activities and competitions for children in KS1/2 across the year.

Harvest Festival: Parents are invited into school to help us celebrate Harvest Festival.

Parent Consultations: Parents and children are invited to talk to teachers about their child's achievements, progress and targets. These sessions take place in the school hall. In the summer term a drop in parent consultation session is held for parents, after school reports have been sent out.

Christmas Production: We all look forward to these performances and the children all work very hard to give a polished performance. All children dress up and take part in the Christmas Production. This year we will be performing two productions appropriate to the age of the children (see above). All parents are invited to either or both of the productions.

Science Week: For those parents who want to find out more about how to support their children with science. The children work across the day taking part in science activities relating to their topic for the term. Parents are invited to drop into school at a time to suit them, to take part in science with their children.

Cooking Classes: Year 3/4 learn to cook as part of the new National Curriculum. A specialist teacher is brought in to teach the lessons to the children. They also focus on healthy eating, food preparation etc. Further details are published on our website.

Class Assemblies: This is a new initiative for this year. Parents are invited to attend the assembly with family members to watch their children present a special assembly show casing their work across the term.

Sports Day: Come and join us all on the school field and watch your child take part in sports across the afternoon. Are you brave enough to take part in the Parent's Race!!

Yr 4 Award Ceremony: All parents are invited into school for a special assembly to celebrate achievements across the year and to say goodbye to our Year 4 children.



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