



ST. DAY & CARHARRACK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following on from the letter I sent out regarding 'Fortnite' and in light of 'The Momo Challenge' that has hit the media worldwide, we want to reassure parents that we are using this opportunity in school to talk about safe internet use.

As you may be aware, many children are worrying about using the internet so teachers in key stage 2 have discussed any issues arising directly with their classes and will continue to enable a safe space for children to raise concerns so age appropriate guidance can be given.

Most importantly, there is nothing for children to worry about as long as they are practising safe internet use and talking openly about this with you. As we often tell them, they may be the internet experts at home but you are the safety experts and regular conversations together are vital.

We have posters available in the school office to guide parents with internet settings at home or please visit the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>
Here is a useful link to a BBC News article: www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-47393510 , which puts the focus on positive advice for children, setting up technology appropriately and taking an interest in your child's online interactions.

Unfortunately, we are still dealing with a number of children attempting to imitate aggressive scenes from Fortnite during playtime. Likewise, children exposed to 'The Momo Challenge' can be tempted to mimic behaviours and 'dare' other children to carry out inappropriate actions. All such actions will be taken seriously by the school and whilst we will offer appropriate support, physical, abusive or inappropriate behaviours can result in you being called into school to collect your child, exclusions and police involvement. We are working closely with the police and encouraging a number of additional visits into school for informative and preventative measures.

Finally, we always encourage children and parents to share any concerns with us immediately- no matter how small you think they are. We are very grateful when parents contact us with something they saw or heard on the way to or from school as this helps us to offer additional support or prevent events escalating. Our aim is to ensure all your children are safe in our care and we thank you for supporting us with this. The vast majority of our children do the right thing all the time and we are pleased to have launched our new 'Golden Tickets' which can be collected each day for children we catch doing the right thing all the time. More to follow in our fortnightly newsletter out on Monday 11th.

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

Yours sincerely

Susannah Storey
Headteacher

