

At Moorlands we continue to promote the safe use of technology. Some latest released information from e-safety advisors at the NSPCC, CommonSense Media and O2 is collected in this newsletter. These are just some of the websites offering guidance to Parents/Carers about their child's use of technology.

Moorlands Primary School is a supporter of Safer Internet Day. This year, the focus is, 'Together for a better Internet'.

PARENTAL AND CHILD CONVERSATION OPENERS.

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Get the conversation started on a positive note with these conversation starters!

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HOT E-SAFETY TOPICS: MOMO

In the last two weeks there have been a number of news articles circulating across the media, warning of the dangers of an online challenge – Momo.

The Momo challenge is a disturbing online challenge game circulating on WhatsApp; it targets young children on social media. Once a person has made contact, a scary avatar controller will call and message the user, sending violent images and dares. These are potentially based on personal information obtained from a user's phone/iPad. The challenges quickly escalate, with the controller harassing and encouraging the user to harm themselves. If the player refuses or fails to respond to instructions, the controller will threaten them, often making contact at night.

Police have raised concerns about Momo and are appealing to adults to supervise children and vulnerable people's online activity.

Further help can be found on the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 or on the NSPCC website.

- + What do you like most about the internet and why? What's your favourite game/app/site?
- + How does going online make you feel?
- + How does the internet/technology make your life better?
- + What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better?
- + What is different about talking online to someone compared to talking face to face? Is there anything that is the same?
- + Can people say/do whatever they want online? Why/why not?



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- ★ Do you know where to go for help, where to find safety advice and how to use safety tools on your favourite apps and games?
- ★ What is okay/not okay to share online? Why?
- ★ What could you do if you saw a friend online needed some help or support?
- ★ How do you stay safe online? What tips do you have and where did you learn them?
- ★ Help me! Can you show me how to do something better/safer online?

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Talk about safety