



Dear Parents

Dorset Police and the Safeguarding and Standards Team have sent to schools the following information with regards to the Momo Challenge which they hope will be of help.

The 'game', played via Whatsapp, involves contacting 'MoMo', who issues a series of challenges - the final challenge, reportedly, being suicide. It's been getting a lot of press over the last few days, and is understandably causing parents a lot of concern.

It is worth noting that a lot of the hype around 'Momo' is being generated by popular YouTubers posting videos of themselves taking part, capitalizing on the apparent popularity of the trend.

Although a lot of the information about the 'Momo Challenge' is rather concerning, the number of reported cases of children harming themselves because of the game is extremely low. The challenge has alleged ties to three cases of teens killing themselves in Asia and South America, but there is nothing that proves that it was the direct cause.

This article from Parent Zone gives an overview of what it's all about. Separate fact from fiction, and learn how to help keep your kids safe here:<u>http://bit.ly/2GNaCjz</u>".

We do encourage parents to follow the link and find out the correct information for themselves.

Thank you

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