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Dear Parent/Carer

### Re: ICT Safety Notice regarding the Mo Mo Challenge

I am writing in response to a number of concerns which have been raised with me by parents and members of staff regarding a software programme called the Mo Mo Challenge. This programme is being used to infiltrate popular computer games such as: Peppa Pig, Fortnite, You Tube videos and many others.

This programme turns a harmless and fun game into something quite sinister and harmful to children's health and well-being. It is designed to activate after a prolonged period of time so that parents believe the game to be innocent but as the game progresses Mo Mo begins to introduce mild commands and challenges which pressure children into behaving in certain ways. Over time this intensifies and can result in extreme harm including suggestions of suicide.

I am therefore writing to make all parents aware of the danger and to ask that all parents are extremely vigilant whilst their child is online.

In school, we will be holding an assembly to discuss this specific issue as well as our normal internet safety sessions. I would be grateful if parents can speak to their children to reinforce how to keep themselves safe online and encourage children to report anything inappropriate to a trusted adult.

Yours sincerely

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