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Dear Parents/Carers

There has been a lot of media attention this week regarding the appearance of a character called 'Momo' on social media and video platforms such as YouTube. First of all, current advice being given by the UK Safer Internet Centre is that these reports are unfounded and no such content has been discovered. You can read more information about this at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-47393510>

However, this incident is sure to raise questions such as what could be considered fake news and how can we make sure our children remain protected when viewing online content. In our Computing lessons we continuously revisit how reliable some of the content that we see online is and how to ensure we follow the correct avenues if something inappropriate or distressing is witnessed. If you have not already done so, please do have these discussions at home and ensure your security and parental settings are robust. The following page contains some excellent advice to ensure your settings offer the best protection for your child: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

The online world is forever changing and although it is a wonderful place to socialise and discover new content, sadly I would doubt that this is the last time we will see an episode like this. However by staying well informed and maintaining open conversations with your child, we can all support in making time spent online enjoyable, informative and above all, safe.

With regards

Mr Cumberland.  
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