

The Coastal Federation

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Dear Parents /Carers,

Online Safety - Update

This afternoon I led an impromptu assembly due to children coming into school very anxious about an online website called Momo, which children have accessed on Facebook and YouTube and other social media sites. On the site a scary looking face pops-up onto the screen, once a contact has been added to WhatsApp, and dares the user to complete dangerous challenges. I have pasted a screen shot from my 4G phone, as the site in question CANNOT get past the County filters - children cannot access this at school!

The website for the screenshot article is

<https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/www.bbc.co.uk/news/amp/uk-northern-ireland-47359623> if you wish to read more about it. In the assembly I reminded children, as we do on a regular basis, not to respond to 'friends' requests and not to do things which they know are dangerous just because someone tells them to do it. Please could you reinforce this message at home.

Other useful sites to support your child's online safety can be found at;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

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