

Momo

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It has come to our attention that students are reporting concerns about an online avatar that is reported to be attempting to contact children and young people through online apps and games including 'Whats App' and 'Youtube'. Reports in the news and across all social media platforms are not necessarily reporting accurate information and suggest that the character attempts to contact them and encourages them to add themselves to a message group. Users are then given dares that become increasingly dangerous.

Dorset Police advice is that Momo should be dealt with in the same way as all Online Safety Concerns are handled, by supervising online use and having correct security settings in place. Another main concern for Police is that Momo leaves young people particularly vulnerable as Momo then has their phone number and social media user information. Police believe that Momo may be an attempt to hack user's accounts for information.

Please see below article from Parent Zone. Parent Zone is a website dedicated to providing up to date information advice and guidance to parents on digital family life. Together with CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) Parent Zone has created Parent Info - a one stop shop for information to help you protect you children in the online world.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/three-minute-briefing-momo-challenge>