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## Online Safety

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been made aware that some of our pupils have been using the website **Omegle** to chat to strangers online. This is extremely worrying to us as there are thousands of people using this website at any one time and users are strongly encouraged to use webcams for a live video feed. The Omegle website has been known to feature pornography and inappropriate content during chats.



Please ensure you are supervising and monitoring your children whilst they are online; our children are very young and do not have the maturity to deal with the issues that are raised from websites like Omegle. Please also remind your children to talk to a trusted adult if they see or hear anything online that makes them feel uncomfortable. You could talk to them about 'Bertie the Blue Butterfly' at this point. We talk about this often in school, linking it to the term 'butterflies in the tummy,' the sensation people experience when they are scared. The aim is to help children recognise the emotions they might experience if something isn't right.



We have attached an online safety guide 'What parents need to know about Omegle' created by National Online Safety. Please read this and discuss with your child if appropriate.

If you have concerns about your child's safety online and you need support with this, please don't hesitate to come in and discuss this with myself.

Thank you for your ongoing support

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