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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been brought to our attention once again that a number of pupils are accessing / profess to be accessing the 'Omegle' website. This appears to be an ongoing issue for pupils within our setting and we ask families to be particularly vigilant at this time.

Omegle is a free online video chat website that allows users to socialise with others without the need to register. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat sessions where they chat anonymously using the names "You" and "Stranger" or "Stranger 1" and "Stranger 2" Such unregulated access to 'strangers' obviously presents a potential risk to children and young people and the use of the website by those under 18 is typically strongly discouraged.

Further details for parents / carers can be found here - <u>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/omegle-parents-guide.pdf</u>

It should also be noted that some pupils explained that they had not accessed the site directly but had watched videos of other people doing so, via YouTube. It is likely the content of such videos may also be problematic.

The dangers of this website have been discussed with the appropriate pupils and we bring it to your attention here so that you can be aware at home and respond appropriately.

Should you have any further concerns or comments please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely,

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