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Dear parents and carers,

It has been brought to our attention that some of our children are accessing an online chatroom called **Omegle**. This is a free online chatting service and whilst the age limit is 13 years and above, children are using it.

Omegle actively encourages its users to talk to strangers – users are linked with others at random so your child could be chatting with anyone.

Omegle is giving children access to adult conversations and content; it also makes them potential targets for online predators.

There is also an Omegle adult site that is just that — very adult-like with non-subtle sexual undertones and content that would be disturbing to children. There is no age verification to enter; the user simply clicks the “OK” button to confirm they are over 18, and they are allowed in.

As always, please ensure you know what your child is accessing online. Check their devices as often as possible and make them aware of the dangers.

We all need to work together to ensure our children are safe.

Best wishes

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