



Eden Girls

Friday 1st March 2019/ 23rd Jumada Al Akhira 1440

Dear Parent/Carer

Assalaamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’

Social media concern

The school has received information from West Midlands Police about a concerning new app known as MOMO that we feel we must share with families as part of our safeguarding duty for all students.

This app has infiltrated various social media platforms including WhatsApp and YouTube. Young people are targeted and given dares and tasks to complete which get more and more dangerous, but ultimately, the aim is to cause harm to the targeted person.

In order to safeguard children and limit the threat of exposure to potential dangers on the internet, the police have issued the following advice for parents/carers:

- Set parental controls so children cannot access apps or sites which are not suitable or age appropriate. It is helpful to talk this through with your child, explaining what you are doing and why.
- Have regular conversations about what is going on in their life, their relationships with friends and ask about their use of social media.
- Advise children not to add people on social media platforms such as, Facebook, Instagram/Snap Chat/WhatsApp etc. unless they know them.
- Advise children not to engage with this app or carry out the tasks that may be set for them. Please highlight to your child that failure to carry out the requests will not result in any consequences, whatever threat is made.

More information regarding how to keep children safe online can be found on our website at:

<https://www.edengirlscoventry.com/inclusion/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

Yours faithfully,

Saqub Sheikh
Principal



