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Dear parents,

I am sure you are aware that there have been many warnings on the news and social media about children possibly being able to see extremely harmful material whilst using supposedly child friendly sites on the internet.

Unfortunately, it appears that these warnings are causing worry and concern amongst parents, and these concerns are being passed onto the children. This is possibly exactly the aim of the creators of the horrific material.

As discussed at our recent online safety evening, we urge you to maintain an open dialogue with your children about what they are doing online and the dangers of viral trends like this one. It is important that, as parents, you are monitoring the things your children can access on the internet. This includes activating parental controls and checking search history. May we also remind you that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16, so children should not be using this app on their phones.

We spoke to the children during worship today about what to do if anything makes them feel uncomfortable whilst online.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Ing – Online Safety Co-ordinator

