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Dear Parent / Carer

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

We have been made aware that a number of our students have been accessing the video chat platform Omegle. Omegle is a free online chat site that allows individuals to speak to other users without registering. Users are able to choose to talk via text chat or video call. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat sessions where they chat anonymously using the names 'You' and 'Stranger', meaning you have no control over who you can talk to.

There have been a number of reported incidents nationally, whereby children are encouraged into private chat rooms and asked to send indecent images. Please be vigilant regarding how your child is using social media. I have placed below some additional links to guidance and advice regarding online safety.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/omegle>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/omegle/>

Kind regards

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