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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has come to our attention that some children have been accessing inappropriate content through YouTube. This has led to the children being scared and concerned about what they have seen and then having conversations with their friends, some children have had nightmares. So I felt I should draw your attention to some of the content that we are aware of. Children should not be accessing YouTube unless supervised. There is a large amount of content that is for much older children and adults. Some of the content can seem child friendly as it is a cartoon but in fact is quite distressing to watch. The language is not appropriate for children to be hearing and the level of violence or sexual behaviour can be scary and confusing. Some of it is subliminal and is not providing our children with good examples of how to behave towards others as there is no tolerance shown. Below are some of the clips that we are aware of.

- Schoolgirl crush – this has several episodes and is a cartoon but is quite violent and has some bullying and sexual content within it. The finale involves classmates shooting each other.
- 3am challenge – this contains various dares and discusses being possessed plus other inappropriate content.

Nationally there is a problem with daring games, I alerted you last term to the Blue whale dare game and we have heard the older children talking a lot about daring each other and this has been discussed in class and has caused some issues within school. When the PCSOs visited us last term they also referred to it as, for some of the older children, there could be criminal liability attached.

The idea of this letter is not to scare you but to inform you about things we are picking up. If you would like more information around internet safety please let the school know and we will put on further e-safety sessions. You could also look at the CEOP website [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk) which has a section to help parents.

Keeping our children safe in this technological era is very difficult so the CEOP website is a really good tool for parents. Monitoring the children's access and behaviour is vital.

If you have further comments do please speak to your class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher