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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has come to our attention recently that there are a number of videos appearing on children's YouTube feeds that are inappropriate for their age. The character in these videos goes by an endearing name to entice children to watch however the character has sharp teeth and is part of an "episodic horror adventure game" where players "explore a seemingly abandoned toy factory, solving puzzles along the way, as they uncover the fate of the factory's staff and also attempt to survive the experience" (Common Sense Media, 2021).

Throughout some of these YouTube videos, the character sings songs including lyrics such as, "I could hug you here forever, till you breathe your last breath together" and "my teeth sharp and ready, in my grasp yeah they're deadly" turning a seemingly innocent action of a hug into something far more sinister.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to remind you to be vigilant with your children's online lives. Children need to be explicitly taught, guided and supported in the virtual world, just as in reality. At school, this is heavily monitored and it is vital that this is replicated at home.

Over the past four Mondays, PDFs have been emailed and also sent home on Class Dojo with advice about how to support your children as they navigate the online world. Some of the topics these PDFs have covered are: conversation starters to encourage open and honest conversations; family activities to complete together and a family online safety action plan to think about online habits, promote positive ones and limit others. On Monday, a final PDF will be sent out with links to organisations and resources for parents to support children with their online lives.

Many thanks,

Miss Horsfall
Online Safety Lead