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Parents/Carers

### App Omegle

We have been made aware of an app called Omegle that may pose a danger to our pupils. To help keep you informed we have set out below details about the app and what to look out for. This app is for over 18s but the app is free and no login is required, which makes it a danger to younger children.

Omegle is a video chat platform that allows users to talk to strangers from all over the world. The app randomly matches users with others, and this anonymity can lead to inappropriate and dangerous behaviour, particularly for children. We want to emphasise that the app is not suitable for children and could put them at risk of exploitation, cyberbullying, and exposure to inappropriate content.

The risks associated with the Omegle app include:

- Exposure to Inappropriate Content: Users of Omegle can easily share explicit content or show nudity on their camera. This could expose your child to inappropriate content and put them at risk of online grooming or exploitation.
- Cyberbullying: The anonymity of the app can also lead to cyberbullying, which can be particularly damaging for children. Your child could be subjected to harassment, verbal abuse, and other forms of bullying on the app.
- Online Predators: Omegle is also known to attract online predators who can pose as someone else to gain the trust of your child. These individuals could use this platform to groom your child and gain their personal information or make inappropriate demands

Whilst we appreciate that these are decisions for parents/carers we felt that we should pass on this information as some of you may not be aware of the content and availability of the app. We hope you find this information of assistance.

Warmest wishes.

Yours faithfully



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