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### Online Safety & Viral Challenge Trends on Social Media

Please find below some advice from the Avon and Somerset Police regarding online safety and 'viral challenge trends' on social media.

Our Cyber Protect Officer, Joanne Bocko, has some handy advice for any parents/carers concerned about 'viral challenge trends' on social media.

She said: "The tricky part is managing the fear felt by parents whilst not over-promoting the 'game', therefore bringing it to the attention of our young people who, for the most part, are oblivious to these viral games and challenges.

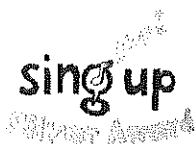
"Our advice for parents/carers is not to focus on any specific challenges or trends, but instead to:

- Ensure you know what your children can access online;
- Make sure children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they don't know;
- Tell your children no-one has the right to make them do anything they don't want to do;
- Use parental controls to keep children safe;
- Explain that you shouldn't talk to anyone you don't know online;
- Keep the lines of communications open and keep talking to your children about online safety."

We had an internet safety day last term and as a school, we discuss online safety regularly with the children but in light of recent media reports, we hope this Police advice will support you at home. If you wish to discuss anything further or require further support, please contact your child's class teacher who will be able to support you further.

Kind regards

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