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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have recently been informed by Dorset Police, that there is a trend on TikTok, involving a horror film called 'Megan is Missing'. The police have shared that this film, which has been banned in New Zealand, contains graphic scenes of murder, physical and sexual assault. Young people are posting content on Tik Tok saying 'do not watch this' which in turn initiates interest and in fact encourages the opposite, with others then clicking the link to watch it.

A further concern the police have advised us to be aware of is a gaming app called 'Crunch-Line Chronicles'. We have been told that this glorifies illegal activity across county lines. In addition, in this game there is a chat function which leaves children vulnerable to grooming.

At West Moors Middle School, please be assured that that all children are taught about the dangers online and how to keep themselves safe online. As a parent/ carer, in light of this information shared by the Dorset police, please can we ask you to be vigilant to what your child is doing whilst using digital devices such as mobile phones, tablets or game consoles, ensuring that they abide by the user age agreement. In addition, please use content filters as necessary and if you have any concerns at all just contact the school and we will help.

In the meantime, for further information and support, please visit <u>Internet Matters</u> and <u>UK Safer Internet Centre</u> to help keep our children safe online.

Best Wishes,

Dr Deborah Craddock and the staff team at WMMS

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