

# St. Cecilia's Public School

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## Notification

### **Precautions to be taken on an online game "Momo Challenge" (as per the guidelines issued by CBSE vide circular No. Acad-32/2018 )**

The potential of Information technology as a valuable learning resource is immense. However, if children use the internet without safety awareness, they may fall prey to illegal activity or abuse. Hence, awareness of internet safety norms is absolutely indispensable to make children free to explore knowledge without feeling intimidated. Some online games pose a threat to the safety and security of children. Momo Challenge is one such game. Parents are thus requested to take precautions against this online game namely 'Momo Challenge'.

In this connection, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has issued an advisory to the public (copy enclosed). In the game, members are challenged to communicate with unknown members. The game consists of a variety of self-harming dares which becomes increasingly risky as the game progresses and it finally ends with suicide challenge. It involves challenges that encourage teenagers/ children/ any other user to engage in series of violent act as challenges of the game. It inspires teenagers/ children/ any other user to add unknown contacts on WhatsApp by the name of 'Momo'. Once the contact is added the image of terrifying Japanese Momo doll with bulging eyes appears in contact. The game controller that entices player to perform a series of challenges and playing the game are threatened with violent images, audios and videos, if player do not follow instructions.

Students are not provided internet connection in the school. Use of mobile phones is also prohibited in the school. So parents are requested to be vigilant while their children use Mobile phone and Computer at home so that they can be safe while using the gadgets and Internet. They are also requested to read the advisory issued by MeitY, which is enclosed for ready reference and necessary action.

Let us join hands to create a Secure Environment for our children

**Principal**