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Dear Parents,

As you are probably aware there is a new app/game that seems to be taking the nation by storm, Pokemon Go. While there are lots of good things about the app, it is important to know the risks involved:

- Meeting strangers - the app is designed to bring people together while chasing or battling Pokemon. It has been reported in the news that people are using this to lure children and vulnerable people into situations they may not want to find themselves in. Be aware of who your children are going to meet to 'battle' with.
- Physical risks - while playing the game people are not looking where they are going and are bumping into things, crossing roads without looking and, worst case, falling off cliffs. Please instill the need for your child to pay attention to their surroundings while playing.
- Cost - while the app can be downloaded for free the in-app purchases cost up to £79.99, therefore please check the settings so the payment options are monitored.
- Access to personal data - Pokémon Go asks for personal information like your child's birth of date and email address, which they're asked to enter or receive through social media accounts. Parents have the right to contact the creators to stop them from using their personal information.

Due to the summer holidays beginning today we thought it would be good for us to highlight the risks. If you require any further assistance with this matter please see the NSPCC website or contact us through the Facebook page or website.

Kind regards

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