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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Warning: Online Safety and Internet Use

We have been alerted by Dorset Police to an online game that is unsuitable for young children called Poppy Playtime. Videos of Poppy Playtime game play are NOT filtered out by Google safe search or YouTube restrictions and some game play videos are available on YouTube kids.

Poppy Playtime features frightening images and themes that are paired with child-friendly items. This may be especially upsetting to children who have not yet developed the resilience to deal with disturbing content.

Huggy Wuggy is a character from Poppy Playtime. There does not seem to be an age rating for Poppy Playtime and there are multiply copycat versions available for young people to download on Roblox and other app stores.

For further information please follow the links below.

Poppy Playtime: Online Safety Review - Safer Schools (oursaferschools.co.uk)

Deal Parochial Primary School warns parents about 'Huggy Wuggy' character (kentonline.co.uk)

You can also find lots of E-Safety information on our website here <a href="https://www.stjohns.dsat.org.uk/e-safety/">https://www.stjohns.dsat.org.uk/e-safety/</a>

Please contact the school if you require any further support.

Yours sincerely

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