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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thursday 6th April 2017

Easter Bonnet

Tomorrow children across the academy are invited to come to school wearing an Easter bonnet. Prizes will be awarded for the best bonnets and will be announced tomorrow.

Uniform

Can you please check that your child's name is clearly labelled in all uniform now the weather is getting warmer. It is very hard to find lost jumpers if they don't have names in.

Blue Whale Game

The Blue Whale game is a dangerous game that is popular at the moment in Russia and spreading across Eastern Europe.

The game is played online and spreads through social media.

Players are appointed a "master/teacher" and these "masters/teachers" challenge the players in stages, to tattoo a Blue Whale somewhere on the body, usually the arm or the leg. As the game goes on the players are encouraged to self-harm and the final challenge is to commit suicide.

All these actions have to be filmed and shared via social media to the so called "master/teacher". The game is being played by children of all ages, some as young as primary age, but predominantly by teenagers.

Apparently this game has been mentioned on the Romanian News due to the seriousness of the consequences.

This obviously sets a worrying trend and the game has already been mentioned at a school in Leeds.

Please be vigilant with your children over the holidays.

We break up tomorrow for our 2 week Easter holidays. We return to school on Monday 24th April. Staff join us in wishing you a happy Easter holiday.

The Leadership Team

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