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Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers

We are writing to invite you to an important Online Safety Parent Information Meeting on Monday, 2nd December 2024, from 6:30 PM to 7:15 PM. This virtual meeting will be held on Microsoft Teams and delivered by Sarah Dufton, Digital Police Community Support Officer from Derbyshire Constabulary.

Sarah Dufton will also be visiting school on Wednesday, 27th November, to deliver online safety workshops to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. These sessions, alongside the parent meeting, are part of our ongoing efforts to ensure all pupils grow as responsible digital citizens and develop the skills to keep themselves safe online.

This initiative comes in response to several concerns raised this term by KS2 pupils about inappropriate language being heard during break times and lunchtimes. Upon discussion with pupils and through targeted work with them, we have identified that some of these issues potentially have stemmed from pupils accessing inappropriate content online, at home, that is unsuitable for their age and stage of development. Unfortunately, some of this content, including gaming and video material, is being repeated or acted out during break times, which has caused upset among other children.

By offering these workshops, we hope to highlight the impact of accessing such material and work collaboratively to support our children in making safer online choices.

The upcoming online safety workshop for pupils is designed to support them in becoming responsible digital citizens. It will focus on key topics such as the importance of protecting personal information, the risks of sharing images online, and the potential challenges associated with group chats, including peer pressure and inappropriate behaviour. Pupils will also be reminded about where to access help and support if they encounter uncomfortable or unsafe situations online. This workshop aims to equip children with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

We strongly encourage parents to take the time to explore the different apps and platforms your children are accessing and have supportive conversations with them about how to keep themselves safe online and ensure there are appropriate parental controls on all devices that children access including your TVs.

We understand how challenging it can be to balance monitoring children's online activity while allowing them to feel socially included and interact with their peers. As parents, we all face the difficulty of navigating this digital landscape and ensuring our children stay safe while also enjoying age-appropriate online activities. This parental session on Monday 2nd December aims to provide practical advice and support as we work together to safeguard our children.

By working together, we aim to equip our children with the tools and knowledge to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly, protecting them from harm while fostering a safe and supportive school environment.

We hope you can join us for this important session. A link to the Teams meeting will be sent to you nearer the time. Please indicate your wish to attend using this link [Online Safety Support Session for Parents/Carers](#) and an email with the link to the meeting will be sent nearer the time.

For your information, I have attached a copy of the recent Safeguarding Newsletter that has a section dedicated to 'Keeping Safe Online'. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E H Britten

Headteacher