

To All Parents and Carers

17 January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers

Monday 23 January

This is to inform you that next Monday, 23 January, we have organised a training day for Online Safety. The trainer is Teresa Hughes from the University of Kent. Teresa is an Honorary Lecturer from the Centre for Child Protection, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research and has extensive and current experience in the field of Online Safety.

Modern technology is a fantastic resource that has created wonderful opportunities for learning and communication; however, there are also risks and dangers that we need to know about in order to protect our children and young people from harm, especially given the rapid pace of change.

Therefore, as well as working with staff and children in Years 3 – 6, Teresa is also offering two information workshops for Parents and Carers at the following times:

- **09:15 – 10:15 in the Middle Hall**
- **17:15 – 18:15 in the Middle Hall**

The workshop will give you information about how to support your child to use the Internet and social media safely, about how to ensure that games, consoles and other devices are age-appropriate for your child and about what to be aware of and to look out for if you have any concerns. We urge you strongly to attend one of the workshops for the benefit of your children. For example, we are contacted regularly to solve problems created by children's inappropriate



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use of mobile devices and social media outside school, which would not happen if Parents and Carers understood what Online Safety means and the importance of their role in it. Parents and Carers are responsible for their children's online activity outside school hours.

You are welcome to attend either event (the content will be the same); however we need to know how many of you to expect. Please help us by completing the slip below, circling ONE of the two options.

We look forward to seeing you next week,

Kind regards

Fiona O'Malley and Andrea Inniss-Griffith

Assistant Head Teachers

Online Safety Workshop with Teresa Hughes

I would like to attend: (please circle one only)

Monday 23 January 09.15

OR

Monday 23 January 17.15

Child's name: ----- Class: -----

Parent/Carer's name: -----

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)