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Dear Parent/Carer

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Parental Online Safety Awareness Session **Tuesday 8th February, 3.15pm**

Increasingly our lives, and those of our children, revolve around digital technology. Devices bring many advantages, opportunities and pleasure but as the pace of development is so rapid it can be difficult to keep up to ensure secure and safe accessibility to online material, particularly through mobile/game technology.

Our school has policies in place to ensure our children are learning in a safe and secure environment which includes being safe online. This session for parents has been organised to help you to contribute to the process of helping your child to be aware of the potential risks associated with using the internet and modern technologies.

The ever changing world of social media which our children master and adapt to so quickly can sometimes leave us as parents feeling ignorant and powerless. This opportunity to gain some insight and knowledge will be of great benefit in helping ensure they use social media both appropriately and safely.

The session will address the following areas with time for you to ask questions:

- What are our children doing online and are they safe?
- Do they know what to do if they come across something suspicious?
- Are they accessing age-appropriate content?
- How can I help my child stay safe online?
- What do I need to know about chat rooms, Snapchat, Instagram etc?

The session should finish around 4.15pm. It will be delivered by our IT consultant Richard Prescott. We appreciate your support in attending this event which covers an important element of a child's education and preparation for our technological world.

Due to COVID guidance, numbers will be restricted. Please access the Parent App Survey for booking information. We are able to provide childcare to those who need it.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J FitzGerald and Mrs G Tyson
Headteacher IT Lead