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Dear Parent/Carer

6th October 2022

Re: Online Safety for Parents

I am writing to invite **ALL** parents along to a briefing session by **Durham Police** specifically designed for parents regarding online safety. The briefing session will take place on Monday 17th October 2022 at 2.30pm in the school hall.

I cannot stress enough how important this briefing session is and would encourage as many parents as possible to come along for this event. As a school, we do a huge amount of work with children in Character Development and Computing lessons about online safety. However, most online access occurs at home and outside of school and therefore the school and parents need to work closely together to protect our children.

There are many benefits of the online world but in many cases, children tend to be more IT savvy than the adults around them and it is our responsibility (yours and ours) to ensure we are up to date with new developments, understand how parental controls work and try to educate our children on how to keep themselves safe whilst online.

Durham Police will be giving bang up to date information about different aspects of safety and talking to parents about methods used by inappropriate users to influence or affect your child.

There will also be leaflets and information booklets available to help and support parents in how to keep their children safe. Underage use of social media is one of the biggest safeguarding concerns we have as a school. In a recent EYFS and Key Stage One assembly (in which 64 children under the age of 8 attended) over 30% had Tik Tok accounts or had access to Tik Tok. The age for access to Tik Tok is 13 years old. This means that some of our very youngest children are seeing things on that platform which are not age appropriate.

There are similar statistics for the use of Instagram and Facebook. Please come along to this extremely important briefing session.

Yours sincerely

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