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Dear Parent/Carer

30th January 2024

Re: Online Safety Day Briefing for Parents

I am writing to invite you to come along to an online safety briefing for parents & carers on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 3.30pm in the school hall.

This briefing is being delivered by Durham Police and is being held on National Online Safety Day.

Durham Police will be working in school with our children during the afternoon and are therefore remaining in school at 3.30pm for parents & carers to come along to this very important briefing.

I appreciate that last time we ran a briefing session about online safety some parents couldn't come to the early time. We did offer a later session but only a couple of people signed up and Durham Police were unable to run the session for so few people.

We are therefore looking into recording the session so we can share it with parents on our website or if we get enough people requesting a later session, Durham Police will agree to come along at another date and time. If you would like to put your name down for a later session please ring the school office asap.

I cannot stress strongly enough the impact of social media and online games & activities on the mental health and well-being of our children. There are many positive aspects to the online world but we need to equip our children to cope with the less positive aspects too. During Computing lessons and Character Development lessons, our staff are constantly amazed at the level of knowledge our children have and the areas they are accessing online. The briefing session is a real eye opener and Durham Police offer some great advice and support to parents & carers so please, if at all possible try to come along to this briefing.

Tuesday 6th February 2024 is National Online Safety Day and your children will be taking part in a wide range of different activities across the school to reinforce what they are taught during online safety in Computing and our Character Development lessons. Please be assured that we are

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constantly visiting this topic throughout our curriculum and not just on one day of the year – however, we do use National Online Safety Day as a vehicle to raise awareness.

I look forward to seeing you at the briefing if at all possible.

Yours sincerely

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