



8th March 2018

Dear Parents,

As a school, we frequently monitor the thoughts and feelings of our pupils and try to capture their opinions and experiences of school. This information is then used to help us plan and improve our own provision in specific areas. With this in mind, we recently conducted a pupil voice survey, asking our children many different questions relating to the computing curriculum, online safety, cyber bullying and their use of IT equipment throughout the week.

It was encouraging to hear that of the pupils spoken to, 91% of them knew the simple rules for staying safe online and 92% were able to explain clearly how they would deal with potential cyber bullying incidents.

However, we have learnt that the pupils also spend a considerable amount of time using electronic devices and accessing the internet, frequently without any knowledge from their parents about what websites they use, the games they play and the people that they communicate with online. 24% of children stated that they regularly speak to people that they do not know online and **31% mentioned that they have been spoken to in an unpleasant manner whilst using the internet.**

With regards to the amount of internet access and electronic usage, 53% of pupils stated that they are engaged in tablets, laptops or gaming consoles every single day of the week, without any time restrictions being placed upon them. This access includes the use of social media, streaming of videos and playing games. However, a number of the pupils we spoke to also stated that they frequently use the internet for homework and research purposes.

As a result of these findings and other discussion points, we would like to invite all our parents and carers to an "Online Safety Meeting for Parents" on Wednesday 21st March 2018 and 3.30pm. We will provide a crèche for this event should you wish as we believe that the content we are discussing is suitable for our parents and carers. We believe that you will find the meeting informative, educational and eye-opening and therefore I would strongly encourage you to consider attending. The internet plays such a significant role in all of our lives now and whilst it is such a fabulous resource, evidence illustrates that it can be incredibly dangerous.

To ensure that we can provide appropriate crèche facilities and plan for the number of chairs we will need, please can I ask you to complete the form below should you wish to attend.

Yours sincerely

Mr. R. Cruise

Headteacher

Online Safety Meeting for Parents – Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 3.30pm

I will be attending the online safety meeting (please tick)

I would like to use the crèche facility for my child(ren) and will require _____ spaces.

Signed: _____ Parent of: _____



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