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## Online Safety Coffee Morning 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 9:15am

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Young people use the internet for a variety of activities** including games, research and homework and for accessing social networking sites. Whilst they are confident with the technology, **children are not always able to make the right decisions about what they access**, who they talk to and what they might post about themselves and others on the internet.

Although **the school teaches pupils online safety** as part of the curriculum, pupils need to be empowered to keep themselves safe. **It is essential that parents are aware of the risks** and what they can do to develop a culture of online safety in the home as they have a vital role to play in helping to keep their child safe online.

**As part of our commitment to safeguarding our pupils and working with parents we have organised an online safety information coffee morning.**

The morning will be led by an external specialist. Her presentation will address issues such as:

- What you need to know, and do, to help your child keep safe on the Internet
- How to tell what your child is doing on-line
- What to do if you are concerned that someone has made an inappropriate approach to your child
- The way young people communicate on-line: a brief 'Parents' guide to text speak'
- Social networking sites and chat rooms: how to help your child use these safely
- Cyberbullying: how technologies are used to bully

The morning will include a range of activities and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. At the end of the morning there will be literature for parents to take away to help reinforce the morning's message of the key role parents play in online safety.

The coffee morning will start at **9:15am and will last for approximately one hour**. Refreshments will be provided.

Yours sincerely,

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Digital Learning Leader

