



12th January 2023

We would like to invite you to an E-Safety presentation given by our Computing Lead, Mr Gmris. This is open to all parents and carers of any year group and we would love to see you there. We would like to strongly encourage parents of children in Years 5 and 6 to attend. Sadly, there have been incidents within our school associated with both social media and mobile phone use. This event will help us to raise awareness around these kinds of issues and present ways to combat them.

Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 7th February and with children spending an ever-increasing amount of time online we felt this was the perfect moment to raise awareness around this crucial issue.

The one-hour talk will discuss hazards surrounding the kinds of apps and games children use; issues such as age ratings, cyberbullying, grooming, sexting and screen time addiction: with its links to adverse effects on the mental health and wellbeing of children. Also, we will offer solutions such as parental controls, how to easily stay up to date and how to take steps to minimise these dangers. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

In the meantime, if you need advice on parental control apps or to check the age recommendations for things your child uses, you can find links to extremely useful sites on our school website. Simply select E-Safety from the parents tab.

We very much hope you will join us for this important event.

Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 9.00am – at Rectory Gardens

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(we will be able to offer a crèche for current St Mary's children)**

