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Dear Parents and Carers,

With technology and the online world becoming a bigger part of our lives than ever before, it is vital that young people and their parents/ carers are equipped with the skills and knowledge to keep children safe online. With this in mind, please find some statistics taken from Ofcom's: 'Children and parents - media use and attitudes report 2022' which you may find interesting:

- A majority of children under 13 had their own profile on at least one social media app or site; 33% of parents of 5-7s said their child had a profile, and 60% of 8-11s said they had one.
- More than six in ten children aged 8-17 said they had more than one profile on some online apps and sites (62%); the most common reason, overall, was having one profile just for their parents, family or friends to see..
- Just four in ten parents of 3-17s knew the minimum age requirement for using most social media; 42% correctly said 13. Four in ten parents of 8-11-year-olds said they would allow their child to use social media (38%).
- Seven in ten parents of children under 16 were concerned about the content their child saw online; the aspects of greatest concern were age-inappropriate content such as violence, bad language and disturbing content and sexual or 'adult' content.
- More than a third of 8-17s who gamed online played with people they didn't know (36%); overall, 16% of 8-17s chatted to people they didn't know, via the messaging/ chat functions in games.

If you would like to read the report in depth, please use the following link: [Ofcom - Children and Parents: media use and attitudes report 2022](#)

With potential online dangers children are at risk of encountering, we are pleased to announce that OpenView Education are providing at Istead Rise Primary School an engaging parent/ carer training session on internet safety.

You are invited to...



Date: Tuesday 26th September

Time: 9:10am - 10:10am

Venue: KS2 Hall, enter via the school office

This is a not to be-missed event for all parents and carers at our school.

OpenView Education specialise in internet safety training, their sessions are up to date, engaging and accessible for everyone.

This practical, non-technical training will provide you with the essential information you need for keeping your young people safe online.

Topics include:

- Parental Controls.
- Social Media & YouTube
- Online Games.
- Cyberbullying.
- Grooming and Child Exploitation.
- Creating a Family Agreement.

Please note, this workshop is not suitable for children and is for Parents and Carers only.

By attending this training you will also receive a Free E-Book from OpenView Education: *Keeping Children Safe Online*.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to learn how to keep your young people safe online.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours sincerely,



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