



Hughenden Primary School

Working Together, Empowering Lives, Enriching Minds

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Important Safeguarding Message - Keeping Children Safe Online

Our children are immersed in a society that has become reliant on computers, smart phones, tablets, interactive online games and virtual communities. As such, we understand that it is increasingly difficult to keep up with the ways that our children are using new and ever changing technologies and whilst we take many steps to provide a safe school environment, current evidence points toward potential dangers of perhaps innocent misuse of some internet services which can have potential negative outcomes on everyone involved.

Through lessons provided in school by use of assemblies, guest speakers, and PSHE lessons, we do our best to provide our children with the awareness and knowledge they need in order to recognise and respond appropriately to grooming, dangerous, destructive and/or unlawful behaviour. However and whilst we cannot govern for all eventualities, it is wholly appropriate and right that we take further proactive action to help safeguard wellbeing of our pupils. Indeed, it is only through a collaborative effort between the school and parents/guardians that we will succeed in creating responsible and safe cyber citizens which is why we both invite and strongly encourage your attendance at the **E-Safety Presentation on 24th April 2017**.

As demonstrated by the provision of this service, we clearly feel it important and appropriate to provide training and information to parents & guardians about the risks of unregulated use of some sites so everyone can make informed decisions and how to effectively monitor internet use. I appreciate that we are all subject to many other commitments but I cannot stress enough the looming dangers presented to our children if we do not prioritise and work together to tackle this subject area. Indeed, inappropriate use of internet sources (well intended or otherwise) may be referred to the police or professional services as may be required of us and in line with our safeguarding policy and legal responsibilities which I'm sure is something we all wish to prevent in the first instance.

Please help us to help everyone in providing and implementing preventative measures before such serious matters arise and if at all possible, please let the school know you are coming and join us at the presentation.

Thank you,

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