



Great Gaddesden Cof E (VA) Primary School

'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated' (Luke 6:31)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Online Safety Information Session

Further to the newsletter before half term, we are delighted to invite you to an Online Safety Information Session led by Mary Rebelo, an experienced CEOP Ambassador and Online Safety and Computing Consultant who has been a trusted partner of our school community for many years. This session is being delivered jointly between two Dacorum Primary Schools.

Date: Thursday 27th February

Time: 8:00 PM Platform: Zoom

Important Note: Please ensure children cannot overhear this session, as some content will include sensitive information about online risks that may not be appropriate for young audiences. We have scheduled the session at 8 PM to accommodate dinner and bedtime routines.

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, keeping our children safe online requires a strong partnership between school and home. While we continue to embed digital citizenship and online safety in our curriculum, we recognise that most challenges occur outside school hours.

During this interactive session, you will gain valuable insights into:

- Current Digital Trends and Platforms - Learn about the latest apps, games, and social media platforms your children may be using, including both the opportunities they offer and potential risks to be aware of, including AI.
- New Online Safety Legislation - Understand the recent changes in online safety laws and age verification requirements that affect your children's digital activities, and how these can support your family's online safety decisions.
- Practical Protection Strategies - Discover effective ways to set up parental controls across different devices and platforms, along with tips for having productive conversations with your children about responsible internet use.
- The SmartPhone Free Childhood Movement - Explore this growing initiative and learn about alternative approaches to technology use that many families are adopting, along with research on the impacts of smartphone use on child development. The session will include time for questions and discussion, allowing you to address your specific concerns and share experiences with other parents. We will also provide links to all the resources shown with practical guides and useful links for future reference.

By working together, we can help our children navigate the digital world safely and confidently. We look forward to seeing you there.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86953298979>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mbeach', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Matt Beach

Headteacher