

E Safety Day including a session for Parents from 9am – 10am

On Tuesday 9th September, our school will be running an E Safety Day. Internet safety is of paramount importance in today's changing world of digital technology and it is our collective responsibility to make children aware of the dangers and to keep them as safe as possible.

Each year group will receive an education programme that will cover age related content. The day will be led by the Safe Schools & Communities Team (SSCT) who are skilled and qualified in delivering training to children, young people, parents and professionals in Internet Safety. (The SSCT is a partnership between Dorset Police, Dorset Youth Offending Team and Bournemouth & Poole Youth Offending Service.)

The children's programmes are designed to build on and enhance the learning from the previous year.

This is an outline of what each year group will cover:

Reception – introducing children to the concept of 'personal details'

Year 1 – building on the learning from Reception, children are taught the potential risks of sharing their personal details online

Year 2 – raising awareness that not everyone online is who they say they are and the importance of understanding that a virtual friend might not be a 'real' friend

Year 3 – focusing on the importance of staying safe online and introducing the risks involved with meeting 'virtual' friends

Year 4 – expanding on education from the previous year this session explores further the issue of trust and raises awareness amongst children that some people may not always be telling the truth. Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if anything they experience online makes them feel uncomfortable

Year 5 – introduces social networking and 'posting' online. Highlights the need to ensure that all privacy settings are set to maximum.

Year 6 – a more in depth exploration of social networking and their inherent risks.

In addition to the programme that the children will receive, there will be a parents' session from 9.00am – 10.00am. The aim of this session is to ensure that parents are aware of their role in safeguarding their children in a digital world from a very young age. It would be lovely to see as many of you attend this important session and that we can work together in ensuring that our children are safe.

Staff and governors will also be receiving training after school.

Getting us all involved in our E Safety Day will enable our children to be as safe as possible using the internet and raise our awareness of potential dangers whether we are adults or children.

If you are able to attend the Parents session on Tuesday 9th September, please could you complete the form and return to school by this Friday.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 9th September @ 9.00am.

Yours sincerely

Gillian Morris

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

I will/will not be to able to attend the Internet Safety Parents' Session on Tuesday 9th September between 9.00am and 10.00am.

Signed: _____