

# Lindley Junior School

Head Teacher: Mrs C M Jubbs, BA (Hons) QTS, NPQH, LLE

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

## Online Safety – an information evening for parents/carers Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Young people continue to use technology in new and exciting ways, enhancing and enriching their lives with the many tools on offer. With the increase in numbers of web-based technologies that emphasise online collaboration and sharing among users, young people are no longer passive recipients of online information, but are increasingly creators of digital content, using social software tools to collaborate within a multimedia landscape. In their exploration of the technologies, young people are not only developing their computing skills, but also a whole host of 'softer' skills such as creativity, communication and networking skills, all of which will be much in demand by the employers of the future.

Undoubtedly, these new technologies can present risks to young people, especially as they move on to high school, and also to adults. These include:

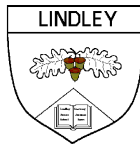
- Accidental or deliberate access to obscene, offensive and illegal material;
- Risk of contact by those with criminal intentions;
- Scams and fraud;
- Addiction;
- Bullying.

Promoting the safe and responsible use of online technology is a partnership between yourselves and Lindley Junior School. We provide a safe environment for pupils to use the Internet to support and enhance their learning, and ask that pupils (and parents/carers) read and sign our Internet Agreement and so abide by the rules that are there to protect them. The pupils also learn about personal safety and how to use technology in a safe and responsible manner. You have a key role to play in endorsing online safety at home, and in providing opportunities for you and your children to learn alongside each other.

In order to strengthen our partnership, we have arranged an information evening to provide you with information to help you keep your children safe at home by highlighting the potential risks associated with communication technology, together with ways in which you can promote the safe and responsible use of the Internet and mobile phones. This information evening follows Safer Internet Day when we, along with many other schools, will be reinforcing our online safety teaching to the pupils. However, at Lindley Junior School we consider that 'online safety teaching isn't just for Safer Internet Day' – it pervades our whole curriculum throughout the year.

Please note that this evening is for parents and carers or anyone else who allow children/teenagers to use the internet whilst in their care. We ask that children and teenagers do not attend this evening due to the nature of the material that will be discussed.





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To assist with this presentation, we have invited PC Whitehouse (Kirklees Youth Services Officer) to attend. PC Whitehouse works very closely with our school, and other local schools, to promote responsible behaviours amongst our pupils, and will provide a valuable insight into the legal implications of some of the inappropriate online scenarios.

We hope that you will be able to attend the information evening. Please complete and return the reply slip, indicating the number of adults attending.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Hobson  
Digital Curriculum Leader  
Lindley Junior School

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### ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 @ 7.00 P.M.

Name of pupil: ..... Class: .....

I/We will / will not be attending the Online Safety Information Evening.  
(Please delete as applicable)

I understand that no-one under the age of 18 may attend this event.

Numbers attending: .....

Signed: .....

Please print name: .....

Please return reply slips to Mrs Hobson.

