

Dear Year 5 and 6 Parent/Carer,

12th November 2015

We hope that you will be available to join us on the evening of Thursday 26th November 2015 at St.Gregory's School in order to discuss essential issues of e-safety.

The programme would include:

- 5:30pm informal quiz
- 6-7pm presentations and activities (gaming/safeguarding of pupils in school as well as the home)

As teachers responsible for your children, we are concerned that some pupils may have access to inappropriate materials (eg, games) that parent/carers may not be aware of. We are concerned that our pupils understand far more about the virtual world than some parents/carers and that the increasing usage of day-by-day IT is not being fully monitored 'at home'. For example, is it advisable for a child to have internet access via computer/smartphone in their bedroom?

We hope that as many parent/carers as possible will be able to attend this evening which will include the following sections:

- refreshments;
- a quiz based upon internet 'and helpful advice.
- presentations by Miss Walsh (Computing Coordinator)
- an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences.

It is essential that we know how many of you will be able to attend and, therefore, request that you complete the attached form and return it to the school office in order that we can cater accordingly.

The ability and speed of children to develop their understanding and use of the internet is alarming and can seem daunting. However, unless we know how to best protect our children online, we might as well let them run down a motorway! We take precautions in the 'real' world that we are not so aware of in the 'virtual' world. It is our responsibility, as parents/carers/teachers to safeguard our children in BOTH worlds.

Miss E.Walsh (Computing Coordinmator St.Gregory's)

We have read the above and understand the importance of the issue. We would like to attend the 'e-safety' event to be held on Thursday 26th November 2015

- We request _____places for the presentation.
- We understand the importance of the issue and have the following concerns:

(Please write your concern or question in the box below

so that we can prioritise issues):

REPLIES TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 20th November 2015.

Our concern is: