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Dear Parents

Internet Safety Presentation for Parents – Tuesday, 18 July 2017 at 5.30pm

At Ripon Grammar School we recognise the concern parents have with regard to their children using the internet and social media.

The internet is ever-evolving and we strive provide our students with knowledge of internet safety through ICT and PSHCE lessons, as part of our curriculum. However, parental awareness is key and, to this end, we have invited Mrs Sarah Lynch, a retired detective, into school on **Tuesday, 18 July at 5.30pm** to provide parents with an Internet Safety Presentation. **This will be held in the school hall.** The presentation covers a wide area of subjects and therefore is approximately two hours long. We have invited parents of current first and second forms, as well as parents of new starters in September 2017.

I should be most grateful if you could confirm your attendance by email to Mrs Kinread at kinreadc@ripongrammar.co.uk by **Thursday, 13 July 2017**.

Please see the attached information about the evening from Mrs Lynch.

We look forward to seeing you at this very informative presentation and I am sure that you will find it useful.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Parents

I look forward to meeting you. I have worked as a detective for the last 13 years investigating a wide variety of serious crime, including prosecuting defendants who possessed and distributed indecent images of children.

Young people now access the internet in an increasingly diverse number of ways. They are spending more and more time online. The web provides a fantastic access to resources for homework and fun games. However, they may come across content that is inappropriate or encounter cyber bullying.

Social media is one of the main ways for young people to keep in touch with their friends. I am aware as the children start secondary school, they are using more social media to keep in touch with their new friends and class groups. They share videos, photos and post comments online, sometimes without thinking about the consequences.

My main strategy within my presentations is to ensure parents are aware they do not have to be technical with media and computers to support their children online.

Understanding your children's digital world and the possible risks they may come across will help you to keep your child safe online. During my presentation, I will provide information about:

- Social Media
- Maintaining Social Media decorum
- How to once home, manage digital devices and social media security controls
- How your child's future Digital Footprint may affect their University and employment opportunities
- Parental Controls from the internet to gaming
- Who are their friends online and who are they actually playing games with?
- Online Bullying and the law
- Web browsing safely
- Child friendly search engines
- Sexting and nude selfies
- Grooming Online
- Teenage helplines

I am a local mum of three boys, two are in Primary Education and my eldest is in secondary school. On the 18th July I will describe what I have learned about internet safety and how you can reach out for the support you need. The presentation lasts approximately two hours due to the fact we will cover many areas that are affecting young people today.

Kind regards

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