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Dear Parents

## Internet Safety Presentation for parents

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

The internet is ever evolving and we strive in school to provide our young people with up to date knowledge of internet safety.

On Tuesday 12 June, commencing at 5.30pm in the main hall Sarah Lynch, a former detective, will be coming into school to provide parents with an Internet Safety Presentation. The presentation covers a wide area of subjects and therefore is approximately two hours long.

Sarah is also coming into talk with all the children to talk about Internet Safety.

Here is some information about the evening from Sarah herself;

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 already primary children are using the internet for games, homework and keeping in contact with friends. In addition, as 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. If they become aware of the consequences before they start secondary it can assist with a smooth transition.

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.

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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? 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
- Help available.

I am a local mum of 3 boys, 2 are in Primary Education and my eldest is in secondary school. On Tuesday 12 June 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

Sarah Lynch



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