



"My soul glorifies the Lord" Luke 1:46

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important: Online Safety Talk for Parents – Wednesday 22nd October

Did you know that many children can **disguise social media apps** on their phones so they appear as something innocent like a calculator or notes app? Or that **gaming chats and online platforms** can allow strangers to communicate directly with children without parents realising? Even tech-aware parents are often surprised by how quickly online trends and risks evolve.

In the **afternoon**, the PCSO will also be delivering online safety sessions to **Year 5 and Year 6 pupils**, followed by a **special information session for parents** in the **school hall after pick-up time**.

To help us all stay informed, we are very pleased to welcome our local **Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), Andrew Cornall** to school on **Wednesday 22nd October**. The session will be for parents and will take place in the **school hall at 3:25pm, straight after pickup**. This talk is open to parents who have children from any year group, and Saint Mary's are happy to look after your child in the Year 3 classroom for the duration of the talk.

The in-class sessions and parent session will cover practical advice on:

- Recognising the hidden risks in popular apps and games
- Setting up safety controls and privacy settings
- Talking to your child about online behaviour and peer pressure
- Where to get help if you're concerned about online activity

We strongly encourage **all parents and carers** to attend whether your child is currently online or not. The online world is changing fast and this talk will offer valuable insights and tips to help you keep your child safe and confident online.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Kind regards,

Mr Billings
Computing Lead