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Dear Parent and Carers,

**E-Safety Information Evening for Parents – How to keep your child safe from predators online?**  
**12<sup>th</sup> November 2018: 6:30-7:30pm.**

The internet, and the ability to communicate with anyone, anywhere, in the world in a second, is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe?

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. We have organised an **E-Safety Information Evening for Parents**, with Zoe Barkham who is an experienced Advisor from Croydon, on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 6:30pm.** *Please do not bring pupils/younger siblings to the meeting.*

The session will last for an hour and will cover a range of topics such as:

- the basics of online safety;
- children's online lives;
- indecent self-generated images;
- changes to offenders' behaviour;
- cyberbullying and gaming;
- critical thinking skills and what parents can do to help and where to get more information.

Unfortunately, dangers exist online, and it is important for both children and adults to take precautions when using the internet. Parents need to be cautious and aware of security, and should also monitor their children's internet use to prevent abuse or identity theft.

As a school, we know it is our duty to help parents and carers deal with pupil's inappropriate use of the online world out of school hours which is why we would like **all** parents and carers to attend.

At school, all the children regularly engage in sessions where they are clearly able to say what the dangers are online and how they should behave. However, we have many examples that even the brightest, most articulate children can be drawn into an online world where they use foul language (that they would never use when face to face with people) and behave in a bullying way, which is completely unacceptable.

Bullying issues, when brought to our attention is dealt with promptly but as a school we are not able to influence how much supervision children receive whilst online at home or what parental controls are in place. Therefore we urge you to attend the meeting to hear from the expert how you can deal with potential bullying from social media sites and possible interaction with predators online whilst at home.

In recent months, we have dealt with pupils who have been upset by the inappropriate messages, made by other pupils, on WhatsApp, Instagram and YouTube. Your child could be one of the pupils involved in the future, therefore we want to help you find out more about this ever-changing environment.

All children are vulnerable to online bullying and exploitation—please take up this offer of support from us, so that we can work together to keep all our children safe.

Yours sincerely,

The Park Hill Junior School Leadership Team.