Dear Parents and Carers,

Online safety is a core part of our school curriculum. Throughout the academic year, we deliver targeted lessons and assemblies to help our students understand how to navigate the digital world responsibly. We also use Smoothwall monitoring to monitor their school devices 24/7, 365 days a year, which alerts us to inappropriate content, searches, or concerning online behaviour.

However, school monitoring only goes so far. Children don't just access the internet on a school chromebook; the reality is that they are connecting through a wide variety of personal devices that schools have absolutely no control over. Whether it is their personal mobile phone, a gaming console in the living room, a home PC, or a tablet, young people have instant, unmonitored access to the wider digital world.

Through these devices, they are engaging with online spaces that evolve faster than ever—from popular multiplayer video games and unmonitored messaging apps to generative AI chatbots and social media. Often, these connections are happening entirely hidden from view in their own bedrooms.

Protecting our children in this fast-moving landscape isn't something schools can solve on their own. It requires communication, collaboration, and a shared understanding between school and home.

With this in mind, we are delighted to invite you to a special, live online session hosted by Laura Palmariello. Laura is a leading Data Privacy and AI Governance expert (Principal Consultant, FIP, CIPP/E, AIGP) who specialises in helping families navigate the modern digital landscape.

The session will run on **Tuesday 29th September 2026 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm**. It is a 60-minute session held online.

This session is designed specifically for parents and carers to pull back the curtain on the apps, platforms, and devices children are actually using. Laura will cover:

- The Reality of the Online World: Understanding the risks associated with modern gaming consoles, chat facilities, personal phones, and AI tools that you might not be aware of.
- Practical Steps: Simple, actionable boundaries and tech settings you can use at home across different personal devices to help keep your children safer.
- Building Confidence: Equipping you with the tools to have open, constructive conversations with your child about their digital life.

We know that managing screen time, personal devices, and internet safety can feel overwhelming. Please rest assured that this session is deliberately non-technical, practical, and completely non-

judgemental. Laura's aim is not to create fear, but to build your confidence so that we can better support our children both in school and at home.

Please see the privacy notice and link to join the webinar below:

Joining the Webinar and Your Privacy

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Recording

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AI & Online Safety for Parents

29th September 2026 - 5pm to 6pm

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/328876602644878?p=jfLNPV9YPIDU5lYFvk

Meeting ID: 328 876 602 644 878

Passcode: wg2zc7y7

We strongly encourage at least one parent or carer from every household to attend this incredibly valuable session.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our young people safe.

Kind regards,

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