

# CHIPPING HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Every day I will try to be thoughtful, caring and kind.*

Dear parents and carers,

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a series of e-safety roadshows within school for the children as well as an information evening for parents which will commence at 6:30pm.

Throughout Essex and England as a whole there continues to be increasing incidents of a safeguarding nature related to the inappropriate use of the internet by children. Children are spending more and more time online with usage over 20 hours per week often in bedrooms or without focussed adult supervision. Whilst as parents we may feel our safeguards are appropriate we can never be 100% sure as individuals who surf the internet to exploit young people can often be very IT literate.

Statistics from the NSPCC:

- One in five 8 to 11 year olds and seven in ten 12 to 15 year olds has a social media profile
- 1 in 3 internet users are children
- **1 in 4 children have experienced something upsetting on a social networking site**
- **1 in 3 children have been a victim of cyberbullying**
- **Almost 1 in 4 young people have come across racist or hate messages online**
- There were over 12,000 counselling sessions with young people who talked to Childline about online issues last year
- There were over 2,100 counselling sessions with young people who talked to Childline about online child sexual exploitation (CSE) in 2016/17

Whilst as a parent you may feel that these statistics do not relate to your child and that you have safe internet practice, unfortunately that may not be so. What happens when your child visits a friend/relative at their home? Do they have opportunity to access devices without your knowledge?

As a parent myself, it is important I have a full understanding of the dangers and fully understand where risks may lie. This is also something I feel strongly that the parents of my children at Chipping Hill should understand too.

Therefore I expect a parent/carer of each child to attend our parental presentation which will be run by EST E Safety Training to fully understand how we can properly ensure the safety of our children. Information on the presenters can be found at [www.esafetytraining.org](http://www.esafetytraining.org).

Please return the reply slip below stating the name of the parent/carer who will attend this event.

Regards

Ceri Jones

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### E-Safety Reply Slip

Child's Name ..... Class .....

Name of parent/carer who will be attending .....

