

Dear Parents/Carers,

E-safety is an essential part of learning for our children and we want to provide them with all the skills they need to stay safe, confident and behave appropriately on-line.

*An Ofcom report in 2022 found...*

- *More than a third (36%) of children aged 8-17 said they had seen something 'worrying or nasty' online in the past 12 months.*
- *Children were more likely to experience being bullied via technology than face-to-face: 84% of 8-17s said they had been bullied this way (i.e., via text or messaging, on social media, in online games, through phone or video calls, or via other apps and sites) compared to 61% being bullied face to face*
- *More than a third of children had used on-line behaviours that are potentially risky (35%)*

[https://www.ofcom.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0024/234609/childrens-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022.pdf](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/234609/childrens-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022.pdf)

To support our children with this, we have booked an e-safety workshop for our Year 5 and 6 pupils on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Splats Entertainment will be at Seal to deliver a day of workshops for our pupils. Each child will take part in one of the workshops and all the children will come together at the end of the day and present what they have learnt to their parents/carers through drama from 2:45- 3:30.

This will be a very exciting and engaging day for the children and teach them some valuable lessons in how to stay safe and behave appropriately on-line.

As we are limited on mini bus spaces, and the workshop timings not allowing us to make the two trips required to transport the whole class, **we would like parents to take their children to Seal on the day of the workshop and collect them from there.** To avoid congestion at Seal, we would like the children to be dropped off at 8:50 and collected after the show or at 3:40 (for those parents who are unable to attend the show).

Both drop off and pick up will be at Seal's school office where Mrs Ryder-Clarke will meet the children. We understand that this may be a challenge for some parents so please do let us know if you are unable to drop your child off at Seal and collect them from there so we can transport them on the mini-bus. Due to workshop and show timings, any children travelling on the school mini-bus would need to be dropped off to Four Elms earlier and collected later. Exact timings can be confirmed with parents who require this.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £3.50 to cover the cost of the workshops. Please make payments through your MCAS account.

We look forward to inviting you in to see what we have learnt.

Kind regards

Georgie Ryder-Clarke