

Staying Safe Online

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Dear Parent/Carer

Parent 'Staying Safe Online' Information Evening – Wednesday 25 January 2017 6.00pm

We did a recent survey in the academy regarding students' safety when using the Internet. It was revealed that 70% of our students believe that they know more than their parents regarding Internet Safety. Outwood Academy Bydales would like to change that statistic and help our parents to understand the dangers that are online for young people, and what to do about them.

The Internet is of course an extremely powerful tool for education, communication and networking. We need to ensure students are safe as they access such a transformational human resource that will no doubt continue to develop and evolve into the future.

We would like to invite you to our Parent/Carer 'Staying Safe Online' Information Evening which starts at 6.00pm on Wednesday 25 January 2017 and will be led by Miss Peacock our e-Safety lead and Head of ICT, who is always available on g.peacock@bydales.outwood.com with queries.

The information evening will cover the following:

- An overview of what "Sexting" is
- Tips on how to have conversations with your children about sexting issues
- Explanations of what the risks associated with sexting are, especially recognising young people's fears/concerns
- Legalities of sexting and naked pictures or videos
- Tips on how parents/carers can support their children if their imagery has been publicly shared and how to get such images removed from the Internet.
- Advice on how to set privacy settings on social media websites.

This evening follows a number of initiatives in school recently, from the recruitment of student 'Digital Leaders', staff and student surveys and training, to assemblies for all continents.

We look forward to seeing you at our e-safety Information Evening in the new year.

Yours sincerely



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Principal