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Dear Parents

Please find attached, and below, some leaflets and information from Kent Police, giving details of some common apps and advice in ensuring your children stay safe online.

"We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our first online workshop for parents and teachers. The event will be held on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 1600 -1700 hours [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#). The subject covered will be "sextortion" and will give guidance on what this is, signs to look out for and what to do if you or someone you know finds themselves a victim of this crime type. Please click here to register for the event We would like to hear from you on future subject matters. What would you like learn more about and build your knowledge on...please make contact with suggestions childcentredpoicing@kent.police.uk.

Christmas brings lots of new gadgets and gizmos for young people. Kent police would advise families that all packaging for these items are disposed of sensibly so as to reduce crime by not highlighting that a household has a new laptop, Xbox, television etc. With these new devices bring the concerns around online safety and how parents keep their children safe online. Please see below links and the additional attachments sent with this newsletter around parental guidance:"

[Guides for Apple and Android devices parental controls | Internet Matters](#)
[Online Safety Leaflets & resources - Internet Matters](#)
[Resources | Childnet](#)
[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
[Online Safety Guidance for Parents | SWGfL](#)
[Parental Guide for Teens on Instagram | About Instagram](#)
[Guardian's guide](#)
[Inclusive Digital Safety advice for Parents and Carers | Internet Matters](#)
[How to stay safe on Snapchat: Parent guide | Internet Matters](#)

As ever, if you have any e-safety queries, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Best wishes



Andrew Stapley
Headteacher



Sow the seeds... Nurture... Watch them grow
Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

