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## Parent workshop- The Dangers of Online Activity

Dear Parents and Carers,

Being safe online is a constant and ever-evolving challenge for parents and children in this digital age, therefore it is important that we all play our part in ensuring that our children are aware of the dangers, protected from inappropriate content and not exposed to any harmful matter.

Following on from the workshop with the children, a very large number of our pupils discussed playing '18 certificate' games that include strong violence, explicit sexual content and frequent offensive language. Many discussed having unlimited screen time and no parental controls on their devices. Large numbers of children regularly speak to strangers when playing gaming consoles where they are exposed to offensive language and potentially bullying or harmful behaviours.

It is imperative to us that we not only safeguard the children, but also give them the skills to make appropriate and cautious decisions when it comes to online safety. However, in order to do this, they need the adults around them to make the necessary steps to protect them from harm.

The Metropolitan Police are going to lead a parent presentation about the 'The Dangers of Online Activity' which will further discuss what things parents should be looking out for/avoiding, how to protect your children online and what the consequences can be for parents when children are not safeguarded online.

This meeting will take place in the hall at 9:00 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March and we would strongly advise you to attend.

Enjoy Learning

Mrs Denise Hughes Mulhall  
 Headteacher

