



DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ONLINE AND WHO IS WATCHING THEM?

ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING (FREE): MON 23rd APRIL 7-9PM KELVEDON ST MARY'S SCHOOL HALL

The PTFA is hosting a free special online safety evening for parents and carers next Monday evening and **I would recommend this session to every parent with a child at St Mary's if you haven't already been to one.** My husband and I attended one in Witham in the autumn and it was eye-opening and shocking. To our horror, we discovered that children aged 7-11 are exposed to risks and grooming by sexual predators when playing games, such as Roblox.

The event will take parents on an uncomfortable journey where you will be left questioning the current perspective you have about your children's safety. It will also provide insights into how you can best communicate with your children about their online activities. The aim of the event is to bring you up-to-date regarding the apps your children are using and how they are being directly targeted in that environment.

The session is being run by John Woodley and John Staines (the 2 Johns) who have a combined Police Service of over 55 years. In that time, they have worked extensively in the world of investigating and managing paedophiles. They have both worked as covert officers targeting paedophiles online and as such have a unique insight into how they target our children. They have appeared on BBC Breakfast TV and The Victoria Derbyshire show.

PLEASE NOTE: *There will be sessions run for the children during the day and we advise that parts of this evening session may not be suitable for primary school children to attend due to some explicit content.*

"I considered myself pretty knowledgeable on internet safety but the two Johns opened my eyes to a whole different world. Not only did they bring me up-to-date with how my children are at risk, but gave fantastic advice on communicating with our children to keep them safe online. Prior to the session I was really sceptical but I highly recommend anyone with children attend a session."

"These guys came into our school and totally opened my eyes to a world I thought I was fully in touch with...how wrong I was. I've emailed them with separate questions about apps my son has wanted and they've always given a full and thorough guide and explanation of how to let him play in a completely safe way. Happy parent knowing he is safe; happy son as he can play the latest games."

I really hope you can make it.

Joy Burnford, Chair, PTFA