

Dear Parent / Carer,

Here at St Luke's we are always keen to ensure the happiness and safety of our children and this includes on the internet. A lot of our pupils today are engaged with technology in a wide variety of ways. As well as using the internet for education, they also play games, socialise and invest a lot of their personality in the social and ever changing place that is the online world.

Your child is likely to use technology in school and at home. In school we endeavour to provide the skills to navigate the online world and safety is a very important part of that. In order to help parents understand ways in which they can provide the same support at home, we will be running a parents evening on Internet Safety on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at 6pm.

This evening will be an engaging session run by an expert from The South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL), part of the wider UK Safer Internet Centre.

What are Snapchat, Instagram, Omegle and Vine? What are the pluses and minuses? What about Apps? Do I need to monitor them? Is filtering or monitoring what my children do always a good idea? At what age do I buy them a mobile phone? Why is GTA5 not a game for young children? These are amongst some of the questions raised by parents and answered by our experts in the 7 years the SWGfL have carried out Parents Evenings.

Come and find out why dialogue is such a powerful tool. How filtering may work, how research is showing changes in use and types of use of technology by children. Discover easy to use built in tools like age and time restrictors in gaming platforms like your Xbox. How to apply Google filters on Google images, filters on YouTube and other practical quick tips. You protect your child in the offline world - now we can help you do the same online!

If you could please let us know if you are hoping to make it... You can contact us on 01392 204600 or email [office@st-lukes.devon.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-lukes.devon.sch.uk).

Thank you!

