



St. Philip's
RC Primary School

19th November 2025

Online Safety – Parent Meeting
Wednesday 21st January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to invite you to attend a meeting at school which will have a focus of *Online Safety for Children*. The meeting will take place in the school hall on **Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 3:30 – 4:15pm**. **In order to support parental attendance, we can offer support with child-care in school during this session.**

The session will be led by Terry Franke who is a E-Safeguarding Specialist from Salford Children's Services. I cannot recommend Terry's sessions enough to parents; he is an expert in the field of online safety, and I can guarantee you that you will leave the session with a strong picture of how to protect your child in a digital sense in 2026. Many parents have attended a previous meeting, led by Terry, in November 2025. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive as the session was so useful.

Pupils aged 9-11 have been identified as the most 'at risk' age group nationally in terms of online safety. As a school we are identifying that children are facing more and more issues in the digital world. Many of the issues have previously been associated with teenagers, such as '*sharing nudes*', but these are situations which primary school aged children are finding themselves facing. Some of the content which Terry will discuss will include:

- The open use of social media with children below the legal age of 13 and how their algorithms are designed to be addictive and potentially dangerous.
- *Sexploitation and grooming*, often via Whatsapp or Snapchat.
- A guide to latest apps used by primary school children – the vast majority are unknown within the adult world.
- How primary-aged children are accessing online dating apps.
- How parents can verify if apps, websites or video games are age-appropriate for their child (despite the 'official' age guidance).
- How a child's cognitive ability is a better barometer for what is appropriate online, rather than their birth age.
- How to manage 'screen time' and access to apps and websites etc.

I cannot recommend attending the meeting enough. I can guarantee that you will be find the session informative and find ways to help protect and guide your child in a 'digital sense'.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on 21st January.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Assistant Headteacher