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Dear Parent/Carer,

Children across the UK are spending increasing amounts of time on the internet, and at younger ages. Although this brings many opportunities to enjoy themselves and learn, it also brings potential risks.

Wokingham Borough Council, along with all the local authorities in the Thames Valley, were very lucky to have been awarded money, as part of the Cybercrime grant from the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, to help younger children stay safe online.

Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner in conjunction with Thames Valley local Authorities have commissioned school drama specialists AlterEgo Creative Solutions (creators of Chelsea's Choice) to provide a play suitable for children in Year's 5 & 6. It will help them learn about online risk and healthy online behaviour and relationships.

Funding has been sourced via Wokingham Community Safety with the aim that all Wokingham Y6 pupils will be offered the opportunity to see the production. The play will be visiting 60 schools in Wokingham and our school has secured a performance so that your child can benefit from this opportunity.

The play is designed to help prepare them for transition to secondary school. The play will be visiting our school on the morning of **Tuesday 27th November**.

The play is age appropriate and is called "Click". It lasts approximately 45 minutes and will cover issues such as online safety, cyberbullying and good online communication. Our school will be doing follow up work to ensure that children get the maximum benefit from the play and it will be an important part of our online safety curriculum. As a follow up to the play, the children will also take part in a short, anonymous, opinion survey to measure the impact of the performance.

We hope that this will be a memorable way to enhance their safe internet usage and help our children to stay safe on line.

We would welcome your support to maximise your child's benefit from the performance. We know that you already take time to ensure your children know how to keep safe on the internet. Talking to your child about the play and what they have learnt would be a great way to support this learning.

If you would like further information about the issues that children may face online, how to have conversations with your children, and where to go for help and support please visit the following website provided by the police Child Exploitation and Protection Centre (CEOP)

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> or the NSPCC website net aware <https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. West". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Mrs. H. West
Headteacher