Dear Parent/Carer

On **Thursday 18th January at 6pm** we have invited Childnet International (www.childnet.com) to present a parents' workshop on internet safety. Childnet is the UK Safer Internet Centre and works with government, online industry, adults and children; they are experts in the field of online and mobile safety education. We highly recommend that you attend this seminar. Please return the reply slip below to the school office/your child's class teacher. Below is a message from Childnet International highlighting why it is important for you to support your children online.

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for taking the time to read through this letter. Childnet's mission statement is:

"To make the internet a great and safe place for children"

Promoting the positive
- **Range of apps for communication and entertainment**
- **Amazing facts and resources**
- **Online Gaming and messaging**
- **Social Networking spaces**
- **Creating your own content**

Responding to the negative
- **Cyberbullying**
- **Adult content**
- **Sexting**
- **Unwanted contact**
- **Sharing personal information**
- **Digital footprint awareness**

You can do something to help your children use new technologies safely
During the presentation we will take you through how young people are **communicating, learning** and **creating** in new and exciting ways using online and mobile technologies. We will open up the world of social networking spaces (Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram etc) and give you an insight into why young people use these spaces. We will highlight potential online risks including cyberbullying and unwanted contact. Parents will explore a range of online examples and delve into the potential risks of online contact, content and conduct. Parents will be given resources to take home in order to further explore the issues and help available online.

The 'Supporting Young People Online' seminar will cover some simple practical steps you can take to help limit the risks as well as advice you can give your child. However, really helping your child will mean getting involved in their online activity, learning from your children about a whole new language and way of communicating and then playing your part in being a role model - in supporting them and guiding them in their use. It is always going to feel like Children know a lot about technology but we are here to help you in supporting your child in navigating the online world.

We look forward to seeing you!

I will*/ will not* be attending the internet safety parents safety seminar on……………………………
Number of people attending_____

Signed _____   *please delete as necessary