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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 6 VISIT TO WATERSIDE THEATRE – Monday 17 September 2018

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.

Buckinghamshire County Council is 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.

They have commissioned school drama specialists, AlterEgo Creative Solutions (creators of Chelsea's Choice), to provide a play suitable for children in Year 6 to help them learn about online risk and healthy online behaviour and relationships. The play is designed to help prepare them for transition to secondary school.

We will be visiting Waterside Theatre on Monday 17 September at 12noon to watch a performance of the play. We will be returning to school at around 1pm and the children will eat lunch as soon as we get back. If your child has ordered a hot meal for that day, this will be kept warm for them to eat on return.

In order to cover the costs of coach hire to and from the venue, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £3 per child, payable online via your ParentPay account. This will also enable you to give permission for your child to travel by coach. If you do not wish to contribute, we will require written permission (email to admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk) for your child to attend.

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. We will be doing follow up work to ensure that children get the maximum benefit from the play and it will form an important part of our online safety curriculum. 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.

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Respect

Reflection

Responsibility

Resilience

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 sincerely

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