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Dear Parent

With an ever-developing technological world in which we live, there are ever-growing dangers to children and young people from online activities that they may get involved in on smart devices and tablets.

Details of many of these dangers and how to stay safe online are delivered through our PSHE programme during tutor time and supported with assemblies by both the year teams and the safeguarding teams in school.

In addition to this, Smithdon has been offered the services of Tech Skills, (part of Norfolk County Council, who offer support, guidance and adult education into how to use IT) to support us and you in understanding the potential online dangers our children may be subject to.

As such, **Tech Skills have offered to deliver a parent information session at Smithdon, giving information on how to keep children safe whilst using smart devices.**

**If you are interested in attending this session please let us know your interest using the Google Form below.** We will use this form to also gauge the preferred method of attending this meeting (online or a face to face meeting at the school)

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If you are interested in more information on the impact of smart devices and the effect of social media on children, we can also recommend Channel 4's recent documentary, 'Swiped, The School that banned Smartphones' which provides an insightful look at the impact phones are having on young people. It also covers the issues of online bullying through social media, sextortion and deepfakes. I highly encourage you to watch this programme if you have not already seen it, via Channel 4 On Demand or here [Swiped: The School that Banned Smartphones](#).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's use of technology in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or Pastoral Manager for advice.

Yours sincerely

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