

All Saints' C of E (VC) Primary School

Highlands Drive - Maldon - Essex - CM9 6HY

Headteacher - Mr P.J.Brown B.Ed Hons (NPQH)

Deputy Headteacher - Mrs C.A.White Ba Ed

Telephone: 01621 853519

Email: admin@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

Website: www.allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk



30th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Online Safety and Gaming

As you know we take safeguarding very seriously at All Saints' School. We are always mindful that 'it could happen here' in order to keep our safeguarding procedures robust. Therefore we want to draw your attention to something that has happened locally as a result of online gaming.

Pupils from another local primary school have been encouraged through an online game to do dares in order to receive an online reward for that game. These dares have ranged from hurting a pet, to leaving the house without telling your parents or even carrying a knife. The dares have been made by an unfamiliar person online who has used a voice changer.

This letter is not intended to cause anxiety amongst our school community, but rather to serve as a reminder to all of us to monitor our child's gaming and take the appropriate steps to keep children safe.

If you feel you need support with this and about how you can put more robust parental controls in place, please go to our website and under the 'Parents' tab you can find a 'Useful links' dropdown menu which has lots of websites to support you.

In addition the school will be providing training ([more information to follow](#)) on keeping children safe online delivered by 'The 2 Johns'. These sessions are highly informative about the types of dangers your children may experience online and how to keep them safe. We encourage all our families to access this session.

Finally, you may have seen that The ACL are running free courses in school on a number of topics, some of which include online safety. Please see a copy of the [programme](#) on our website here, you can access the [ACL Website](#) then search the Course Code to book. Places at each course are limited to 12 participants so we recommend you book early to avoid disappointment.

Thank you for your help in keeping all of our children safe online.

Kind regards

PJBrown

Mr P Brown

Headteacher

