



27th March 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Newry, Mourne and Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership would like to invite you to attend an Internet Safety Presentation in St Patrick's Grammar School, 109 Saul Street, Downpatrick on Wednesday 2nd May from 19:00-21:00, in conjunction with local police.

We are keenly aware that internet safety is becoming an issue even earlier for younger pupils and that as parents we can struggle to stay up-to-date in an ever changing digital landscape. You may still think that your child is too young, but recently a child aged under 10 within this District, shared indecent images of themselves. A lot of primary school aged children now have smart phones and there are many ways in which new apps with secret messaging facilities can be used to hide messaging even from parents who regularly check their children's phones.

This event will cover the latest apps, how young people are using social media and what you, as parents and guardians; can do to help keep your children safe online.

We cannot stress enough how much this problem is growing; with new apps being created all the time. The best way to help prevent this is to be informed and help us to safeguard your child. REIM Training solutions will be delivering a workshop on computer/internet parental controls, using safe search features, setting up internet filters, the "dos" and "don'ts" of social networking, cyberbullying, how to keep children safe while gaming online, controversial websites - current sites that may cause concern and internet risks e.g. sexting, online gambling, pornography.

Refreshments are provided and there is no charge for this event however we do need to ensure we provide enough to go round so please rsvp to pcsp@nmandd.org

Kind Regards

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Sgt Suzanne Cochrane

Down Neighbourhood Team

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