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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am delighted to introduce you to a series of videos and resources about online safety which the school have recently purchased. These videos are delivered by Alan Mackenzie, from 'Safe ICT Consultancy Ltd'. Alan is a leading figure in the field of online safeguarding, having worked with the police and various charities and organisations, both nationally and internationally over many years. These videos are specifically for parents/carers, to help you ensure that your child is using the internet and devices in as safe a way as is possible.

There are 7 videos in total, none are more than 10 minutes in length. Each Monday and Friday, we will send you a text link to a letter from Alan, along with the video link. Please read the letters as they contain other useful information and links. Although much of the information is okay for children, there is some information within the videos that is not appropriate, so please take appropriate precautions when watching any of the videos (e.g. wear headphones). There is also a subtitles option on each video, just look for CC at the bottom right of the video. We are sure that you will find this training both helpful and informative.

Finally, can I please request that, if your child is uploading videos/photos of themselves onto TikTok, they are not pictured in a St. Mary's uniform, as we do not wish to be associated with it in any way. It is also a huge safeguarding concern as, by being on TikTok in their school uniform, they are advertising to all who see it EXACTLY WHERE they go to school. Furthermore, I must remind you that TikTok minimum age is 13, therefore no child at St. Mary's should be accessing it.

Thank you for your continued support.
Yours sincerely,

Mr. McGrail



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