

September 2008

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: INVITATION TO AN E-SAFETY AWARENESS EVENT RELATED TO THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

The world that young people live, learn and work in is significantly influenced by the use of computer technology, the Internet and mobile phones. Amongst the many benefits of using this equipment and the Internet come dangers in their use. Incidents of such problems are often the subject of national news and can affect children and young people of any age.

In October 2008 South Gloucestershire Council, with the support of South West Grid for Learning Trust and the Police, are to hold a set of e-safety awareness events for parents and carers whose children and young people attend South Gloucestershire schools.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend one of these events in your area. The dates and times of the events for summer and autumn are given below. Should you not be able to attend the event nearest to your child's school you are welcome to attend any of the others. The same presentation will be given at each.

Similar events, held in the summer term and autumn terms of 2007 and summer term 2008, were very successful and were highly regarded by the parents and carers that attended.

This action forms part of South Gloucestershire Council's strategy in addressing e-safety issues. The Council is also in the process of updating its policies in relation to the Internet and new technologies. This policy will be publicised in the near future.

We strongly urge you to consider attending one of the autumn term awareness events detailed below.

Yours sincerely

Steve Cook
Headteacher

Venues and Dates:

Parents/Carers should arrive between 7.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. The presentation will start at 7.30 p.m. and end at 9.00 p.m.

Chipping Sodbury Secondary School Bowling Road Chipping Sodbury South Gloucestershire BS37 6EW	Event Date: AUTUMN TERM WED 08 OCT 08
Sir Bernard Lovell Secondary School North Street Oldland Common South Gloucestershire BS30 8TS	Event Date: AUTUMN TERM THU 09 OCT 08
Mangotsfield Secondary School Rodway Hill Mangotsfield South Gloucestershire BS16 9LH	Event Date: AUTUMN TERM THU 16 OCT 08
Bradley Stoke Community School Fiddlers Wood Lane Bradley Stoke South Gloucestershire BS32 9BS	Event Date: AUTUMN TERM WED 22 OCT 08