



Monday 23rd September 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are delighted to confirm that Dr Kathy Weston will be hosting a session at Tring School in the Desborough Hall on Thursday 17th October starting at 6.00 pm. The session is open to all parents of children attending schools in the Tring Schools Consortium.

We have booked the session to explore the partnership between home and school in helping students navigate the digital world and empower parents to consider delaying access to Smartphone technology for their children.

We believe the session will be advantageous to parents of children of all ages. Whilst Smartphone technology provides an easy access point to explore the internet and social media platforms, we are aware of many other means of access such as gaming platforms.

For those who already have access to the internet and social media platforms, the session will explore how parents can manage safe access and use, and the parameters that parents can put around access to smartphone and gaming forums. It will also draw upon the research that suggests delaying access could benefit our young people.

Raising a Child in the Digital World: Striving for Balance

In this talk, Dr Kathy Weston will share both the huge benefits and wide-ranging risks and harms associated with children's engagement with the digital world. Parents will leave the talk more knowledgeable, empowered and with strategies for talking to their children about the online world. They will also leave feeling more confident and with a better understanding of how to manage pressure from one's children and their peers to have unfettered access to social media and smartphones from an early age.

The session is free to attend - the schools have agreed to fund this event jointly. We ask that you use [this link](#) to book your place. We have a capacity of 500 places and these are limited to 2 per family and booked on a first-come, first-served basis.

Yours faithfully,

Jacqueline Moore - Headteacher, Aldbury School
Gary Stanley - Headteacher, Bishop Wood Junior School
Becky Ellis - Headteacher, Dundale Primary School
Katherine Cooper - Headteacher, Goldfield Infants' School
Sharon Wilson - Headteacher, Grove Road Primary School
Lorna Elkes - Headteacher, Little Gaddesden School
Laura Whateley - Headteacher, Long Marston School
Victoria Mowbray & Kelly Wall - Co-Headteachers, St Bartholomew's School
Sally Ambrose - Headteacher, Tring School