



3rd March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5 and 6,

Free online safety performance and workshop for Years 5 and 6

City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership are working with the NSPCC and a range of partners to bring a new online safety campaign to York. Part of the campaign will be the delivery of a new piece of commissioned theatre, performed by N K Theatre Arts, about the impact of sharing inappropriate images. Designed for children in years 5 and 6, this edgy but age appropriate 30 minute performance is followed by a 30 minute interactive discussion with the audience about what they've seen and where the moments for intervention were.

We have been given places for all our Year 5 and 6 children to take part on **Wednesday 22nd March** at St Peter's School, from 10.30 - 11.30, so we will be back in time for lunchtime as usual.

The play centres on the sharing of images and the many forms that can take across the various social media platforms.

It tells the story of Sam, a girl who is popular and thinks she is tech savvy. She has a Tik Tok account and after convincing her mum she also gets Snapchat. However, she is desperate to be on Instagram and talks about becoming 'instafamous'. Even though her mum had said no she sets up a profile and soon starts to get drawn in by it.

Online safety is a very important part of our curriculum and we know many young people access these platforms. It is crucial they understand how to do this in a safe and meaningful way.

Yours sincerely
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