2nd February 2016

Dear Parent / Carer

**E-safety**

I am sure you will agree that rapid changes in technology and communications have brought many benefits for us all as individuals and as a society. However, they also mean that our children may be exposed to new risks and make it harder for schools and parents to keep them safe.

We take the issue of e-safety extremely seriously and we want to make sure that at St Oswald’s we are doing everything possible to protect our pupils. We already have procedures in place in school to do this, but over the coming weeks I want to work with pupils, staff, governors and parents to review these and ensure that they are sufficient to meet the increasing challenges we face.

Tuesday 9th February has been designated national ‘Safer Internet Day’ and we will be using this as an opportunity to discuss some of the issues with pupils and remind them how to stay safe online.

We can and do monitor and control pupils’ use of the internet when they are in school, so the greater risk to children is undoubtedly outside school. We know how difficult this can be for parents and carers and therefore we have organised an e-safety workshop for parents, run by ‘*Family Matters York,’* on Monday 22nd February at 7.00pm. Your child will be bringing home a letter about this today. If you would like to attend, please return the reply slip to school, or alternatively contact Helen Atkinson at *Family Matters York* using the contact details provided.

Yours sincerely,

Rupert Griffiths