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Dear Parent/Carer

We are very pleased to invite you to a special parents' information event on Tuesday 31st March. With the growing number of social media sites available to children, it is becoming harder as parents to ensure that you are able to keep your child safe online. Crestwood has always prided itself on the work it has done around safeguarding. When we were approached by Nigel Lee, a parent who has a wealth of knowledge around safeguarding, we felt this was a good opportunity to learn from his many years of experience.

Nigel Lee is a Lecturer in Criminology at Solent University, having retired in 2017 as a Detective Sergeant with 25 years of service. In the last 15 years of his service he spent 11½ years investigating the sexual and physical abuse of children, both live and internet based. He has served his last 4½ years' service on a team managing the risks posed to the public by violent and sexual offenders in the community, in particular child abusers. He is an accredited specialist child abuse investigator and was registered with the Home Office in the UK as a Professional Child Abuse Investigator until retirement. His academic research has been focussed on 2 years of PGC research studying the psychology of child abuser behaviour and offending, followed by a Masters Degree where his research was focussed on developing psychological models known to work with child abuse offenders for use in police suspect interviews.

This evening will look at the reality of what is known as "grooming" and the behaviours displayed by offenders when seeking potential victims on the internet. It will also be exploring ways in which parents can proactively be aware of what potential offenders look for in social media profiles when looking for targets, as well as discussing social media use.

The event will be held on Tuesday 31st March, between 6-7pm on the Shakespeare Campus. It is expected to be a very informative and thought provoking evening. If you are interested in attending, please contact me tim.nash@crestwood.hants.sch.uk or 02380 649606, to book your place.

Yours sincerely

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