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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are asking you to download our new Safer Schools NI App, provided to us by the Department of Education and INEQE Safeguarding Group. As a staff, we have downloaded and used the App over the past month – we have found it to be very valuable, packed with information on how to stay safe online.

Why download the App?

The app provides us with easy-to-follow steps on how to make our homes and devices safer in the 'Need-to-Know' section.

It keeps us up to date with the current online trends, threats and risks to our children. This information is sent directly to our devices!

The App delivers up-to-date information on everything we need to know about social media and gaming platforms, helping us to understand the latest buzzwords and how to set privacy and parental settings on platforms like Among Us, Minecraft and TikTok etc.

There is expert guidance to help us navigate important issues such as bullying, mental health and healthy relationships, giving everyone practical tips on how to approach these conversations with our children.

The Online Safety section provides us with help and support where we need it, when we need it.

To download and login to your Safer Schools NI App, follow the steps below. Make sure to enable your push notifications when prompted to keep up to date with the latest safeguarding alerts.

Downloading your App

Step 1

If you are using an iOS device, go to the Apple App Store and search '**Safer Schools NI**'. If you are using an Android device, go to the Google Play Store and search '**Safer Schools NI**'. You have the option to use the QR Code, to register, at the bottom of this letter.

Step 2

Select 'Download'.

Creating An Account:

Step 1

Create an account by clicking '**Parent/Carer**' on the login screen of your App.

Step 2

Click '**Register here**' and input your full name, email and password you wish to use. You'll also be asked to confirm your password. Once you're ready, click '**Register**' and this will create your account.

Step 3

After you register, you will be asked to read and agree to the Terms and Conditions. After reading and scrolling to the bottom, the '**I agree**' button will be available to select.

Step 4

Time to pick your school! To add your school, simply type in: **St. Mary's PS, Rathfriland** and click '**Continue**'.

You will then be asked to input the Entry Code For our parents the code is **4838**. Type in your code and click '**Submit**'.

Logging into your App:

Step 1

When you have opened the App, you should input your email address and password that you used to create your account. Once you're ready, click '**Log In**'.

Step 2

When you log in, you will see our added to your account.

Once you log in, we will be notified that you are registered and all the current Online Safety information will be made readily available.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Farrelly (Designated Teacher for Child Protection)

Mr Donnan (Online Safety Coordinator)

Miss Mc Conville.



Parent/Carer Primary
St. Mary's PS

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