



St. Catherine's
RC Primary School

8th November 2022

Parent Update: Outcome of our participation in the Manchester Children's Safeguarding Conference

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the Summer Term, our Caritas Ambassador team attended and presented at the first ever Manchester Children's Safeguarding Conference. During this conference, our children led a presentation they had created themselves all about digital safety and the risk to children in the modern online world. One of their key messages to the Local Authority was that they need to support parents and other adults in being educated in online safety and the ever-evolving risks to our children.

In response to this presentation from our Caritas Ambassadors, Manchester Safeguarding Partnership teamed our children up with a company called Smoothwall so that they could work together with our children to make a change in Manchester to what's on offer for parents in terms of online safety and digital safeguarding. Staff from Smoothwall and Manchester Local Authority have worked in school with our Caritas Ambassador team to design what this offer could look like for parents and what needs to be included.

From this, Manchester Safeguarding Partnership and Smoothwall, alongside alongside our fantastic children, have put together a comprehensive package to support and educate parents. Please see the letter attached regarding information about the first part of this package offer to parents: an online safety parent workshop. During this workshop, Smoothwall staff will also introduce you to the rest of the package of support available to parents and carers.

We are incredibly proud of our amazing children for making such a positive difference across Manchester and for their contributions to improving online safety and digital safeguarding across our city. Their ideas, drive, energy and passion for this subject continues to really make a positive difference to the children and parents across Manchester.

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We really hope as many parents and carers as possible will be able to join the online workshop, as well as making the most of the rest of package of support available to parents.

Kind regards,

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