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Dear Parents and Carers

Children and Technology - Wednesday 3rd October at 6.30pm

We all know how important it is to protect children online and with more children having accessing online content through smartphones and portable devices and we feel that it is important to work in partnership with parents and carers to keep children safe online. At Langshott Primary School, we firmly believe that a child of primary age does not require the use of a mobile phone, particularly one with internet availability; however, we recognise that in some circumstances parents may wish their child to bring one to school.

If you would like your child to bring a mobile phone to school, you will need to apply for permission from the Headteacher. Attending the 'Children and Technology' meeting will form part of the application process. We will not authorise any mobile phones on school property unless a parent/carer has attended a 'Child and Technology' meeting. This is to ensure that any decisions parents make about the use of mobile technology is informed and is in partnership with the school.

The meeting is open to parents of all children in Key Stage Two. The purpose of the meeting is to share information about online safety and give practical ways in which parents can support their children to stay safe when using technology. At the meeting we aim to:

- Form a shared understanding of how to keep children safe online
- Share information about technology and how it is used
- Minimise online incidents
- Help parents to make an informed decision about how to use technology outside of school

Application forms for mobile phone use will be available after the meeting.

If you would like to attend the meeting on **Wednesday 3rd October at 6.30pm**, please return the slip below by **Friday 21st September**. As we ran a number of these meetings last year, we will only hold the meeting if enough interest is shown by parents. If you have attended one of our previous meetings and would like your child to bring their mobile phone into school this academic year, please email me at gemma.langdale@langshott.surrey.sch.uk.

If you have attended one of our previous meetings, you are not required to attend again.

Parents will be contacted during the week of 24th September confirming the meeting.

Many thanks,

Mrs G Langdale

Deputy Headteacher

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 I/We would like to attend the 'Children and Technology' Meeting on Wednesday 3rd October at 6.30pm. I understand that the meeting may be cancelled due to lack of interest.

Name of Child _____ Class _____

Signed _____ Date _____