



Gaesdonck Parents' Letter

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Parents' Evening on Media Literacy

Dear parents and guardians,

Smartphones and the internet have long been part of our children's everyday lives – but these opportunities also come with significant risks. Many dangers are difficult for adults to recognise, yet they are all the more dangerous for children and young people: cyberbullying, cyber-grooming, data theft, weak passwords or the careless handling of personal information can have serious consequences.

When we give our children a smartphone, we as parents have a responsibility to make them aware of the dangers and to protect them from them.

To help you with this, we warmly invite you to a **special parents' evening**

on Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 7.00 pm

in the assembly hall.

Our guest speaker will be **Chief Inspector Hellwig**, who will draw on his many years of experience. In addition to our prevention session for Year 6 pupils, he will not only provide you with important information on the legal framework but will also describe real-life case studies. Topics will include:

- The correct use of smartphones
- Dangers on the internet and how to recognise them
- Password security and the protection of personal data
- Cyberbullying – recognising, preventing and taking action
- Cyber-grooming – how perpetrators operate and how to protect children

This parents' evening is a valuable opportunity to gain practical knowledge directly from an expert – knowledge that can protect your children in their everyday lives. **We therefore urge you: please make time to attend this event.** Your children – and teenagers (!) – rely on your support.

We very much look forward to seeing many of you there!

Kind regards

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