# ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING

WITH ROB & ZAREEN COPE - PARENTS & FILMMAKERS- 'OUR KIDS ONLINE'

#### TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2020 - 7PM - 8.30PM

TE AROHA PRIMARY SCHOOL, 1 JUBILEE AVENUE, TE AROHA



## OUR 'WHAT'

Our Online Safety Information evenings are an interactive information evening designed to help any adults with children in their lives gain a better understanding of some of the harms our children face in the online world.

It also offers advice and resources to be able to confidently approach these topics with your children at different ages, and practical solutions on how to make their online experiences safer.

#### OUR'HOW'

During the course of the evening, we will explain and explore:

- How easy it is for children to access porn and to be found by predators;
- How porn has changed in terms of the online impact as well the increase in violent content;
- The curious nature of children and the impact of adult narratives;
- Potential impacts on both children and their families resulting from exposure;
- Why knowledge is key;
- How to approach talking to children about sex at different ages, as a precursor to entering into porn awareness and predator safety conversations;
- The importance of a porn counter-narrative; love, connection, consent, respect;
- The impact of various social media including mental health/physical health/cyberbullying/social narratives;
- Advice on dealing with an exposure situation for different age groups;
- Guide to resources & an individual action plan to take away; and
- Q&A session

This talk includes clips from our documentary 'Our Kids Online: Porn, Predators & How to Keep Them Safe' as well as resources for parents to look at/through before the evening finishes.

### OUR'WHY'

In 2018, we stumbled upon the the biggest un-had conversation of our time, while researching the pros and cons of handheld devices for our four children. Article after article, news clip after news clip, research papers; all showing the fallout from kids' exposure to online predators and to today's genres of free, violent, degrading porn.

Unable to walk away from what we had discovered, and knowing we were not the only parents and adults feeling overwhelmed, we set off to find out more about these dangers, and ultimately to figure out some practical solutions to keep kids safer online. We decided to film our journey and make a documentary with the aim of educating and helping others.

'Our Kids Online: Porn, Predators & How to Keep Them Safe' was released in April 2020, available on Vimeo On Demand to hire for private viewing or with a Lifetime Educational Screening Licence. Featuring some of the world's leading experts in this field, our film does not include any porn footage, nudity or interviews with anyone from the porn industry. <u>Click HERE to view trailer.</u>



Rob Cope & Zareen Sheikh-Cope <u>Click here to find out more</u>



<u>& How to Keep Them Safe</u>

### WHY WE NEED TO ENGAGE

So, what are the stats in NZ? In December 2018, the Office of Film and Literature Classification released the '<u>NZ Youth on Porn</u>' Report. They interviewed more than 2,000 NZ teens between the ages of 14-17 years old. With regard to the dangers around online predators, Netsafe revealed some statistics around youth interaction with online strangers in December 2019 in their report '<u>New insight into Kiwi Kids'</u> <u>online interaction with people they don't know</u>'. Below are some of the findings from those reports:

67%	72%	66%	71%	40%	23%	38%	54%
have seen porn	have seen non-consensual activity/saw things that made them uncomfortable	have not talked to a parent or caregiver about porn	say access should be restricted for children and teens	are engaging with strangers online	engaging with strangers online are between 9-11 years old	engaging with strangers online are between 12-14 years old	engaging with strangers online are between 15-17 years old

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