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Dear Parents

I enclose a flier for a talk that has been organised by the Ridgeway cluster of schools, including Bishopstone, Wroughton, Wanborough and Chiseldon.

Sue Palmer, who is a nationally respected authority on literacy teaching, has more recently caused quite a stir with her books on how the modern world can damage our children. Her book **Toxic Childhood** and her presentation looks at 10 aspects of childhood that need detoxing, including such topics as bedtime, communication and technology.

I recently heard Sue Palmer speak at a conference for teachers in Swindon. She was extremely entertaining and her message was such a thought provoking account of the problems facing children today that I felt it was something all parents would want to know more about.

With this in mind we decided to organise an evening where parents in our area could hear her talk. Luckily, despite being extremely busy, she is in our area on 1st July and agreed to do an evening meeting.

I do hope you will take this opportunity to hear her speak and go along to Chiseldon Primary School on Thursday 1st July from 7.00-9.00pm. The talk will be about an hour long with a short interval for refreshments and then there will be the chance to ask Sue any questions.

It would be very helpful if you could let us know if you will be attending this talk as we need to have an idea of numbers. If anyone would like to go but has a problem with transport please let us know and we will sort it out. Please complete the form below and return to school by Monday 14th June.

Yours sincerely

Sue Walton

Reviews of Toxic Childhood

Excellent book...practical, sensible and eminently attainable advice on how to detoxify childhood
Deborah Orr, The Independent

Almost every page in the book raises something compelling about the way we are treating children. It is a worrying book, but not unhelpful or unhelpful, and everyone can rest assured that Sue Palmer is on their side.

Carousel Magazine

A terrific book... and so timely

Anne Fine, author and former Children's Laureate



TOXIC CHILDHOOD Evening

Name.....

Number of people attending above evening.

I will need transport to the event.

YES/NO