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Dear Parents/Carers

Safer Internet Day 2020

This week, we joined schools and youth settings across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2020, which took place on Tuesday 11th February. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day resource pack for parents and carers which is available here: saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents.

There are also top tips, a quiz and films which you can use at home with your child. Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from Childnet
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre
- Guides on popular apps and games from NetAware
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from Common Sense Media
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from <u>Internet Matters</u>
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from CEOP

We have also launched an exciting new area on our <u>website</u> in which you will be able to find links and further online safety information and support.

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we're committed to teaching our students about. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's Pastoral Lead, or the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Cottingham.

Yours faithfully

Miss T Board Assistant Principal

