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Online Safety

Dear Parents,

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year in over a hundred countries to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

Safer Internet Day is a fantastic opportunity to reflect as a family about how you can use the internet and technology safely, responsibly and positively. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, foster carer, aunt, uncle or older sibling – we can all play a role in empowering children to enjoy their time online!

Key Message:

This year, the UK Safer Internet Centre is particularly focusing on how consent works in an online context and exploring how young people ask, give, and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data.

Useful Conversation Starters:



- ✓ What is consent online and when do we need to ask for it?
- ✓ How do we ask for consent online? How do we give consent online?
- ✓ How do we say no/not give consent?
- ✓ What happens if we share something about someone else without their consent? What happens if somebody doesn't want to give consent?
- ✓ How do we explain to our friends and family about consent? What would we like them to know/do?
- ✓ How do my friends and family ask for my consent and permission?
- ✓ Do you have any tips for how to show respect online and be considerate of others with what we share?

Talk about online consent and respect within young people's friendships and relationships

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Talk about managing privacy and data online

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- Who owns content online?
- What is copyright and how can I use and share work?
- What does the internet know about us?
- How do you sign up to things? What are terms and conditions?
- Who owns your data?
- How do connected devices, apps, games ask for my permission to collect or share my information – can I ask for that back?
- What happens if something is used without my consent?

Safer Internet Day at Mosborough

As part of Safer Internet Day, our Online Safety Champions will be visiting all classes in school. They will give a short presentation about the current online issues which they feel are important. They will then launch a whole school competition to design a poster promoting online safety which can be displayed in classrooms across school. They will pick one winner from each phase. In addition, we will hold assemblies to further explore this year's theme and all classes will participate in lessons which are linked to online safety during the day. This will involve whole class discussions about how we behave online.

Acceptable Use Policies for Children and Parents

This week, you will receive a copy of our both our Acceptable Use Policy for Parents and for Children (this will vary depending on the Key Stage your child is in). The policy helps school to ensure that young people stay safe when using the internet and that our school systems are protected from misuse which could put systems and users at risk. Please read sign the Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Policy and encourage your child to do the same. The forms should be returned to school once signed.

Further Information:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents>

The Safer Internet website is a fantastic place to visit to find more free information and resources around this year's theme. These include activities and games to try at home with your children, a range of videos and other ways which you can get involved with the day.



Childnet:

Childnet International is a non-profit organisation working in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children. The Childnet website hosts all the online resources detailed below, as well as a number of recommended resources for young people, parents, carers and teachers. The Parents and Carers area also contains key advice, information on reporting and detailed information on a range of online safety topics in the hot topics section. www.childnet.com



South West Grid for Learning:

The South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) is a not for profit, charitable trust dedicated to the advancement of education through information and communication technologies. They provide safe, supported broadband internet, teaching and learning services for 2,500 schools in the South West of England and e-safety education and training regionally, nationally and internationally. They provide professionals, parents and children with advice, resources and support to use internet technologies safely to enhance learning and maximise potential. www.swgfl.org.uk



Internet Watch Foundation:

The Internet Watch Foundation is the UK's hotline for reporting illegal content found on the internet. It deals specifically with child abuse and criminally obscene images hosted in the UK and internationally. The IWF works in partnership with the online industry, law enforcement, government, and international partners. It is a charity and a self-regulatory body with over 100 Members from the online industry. www.iwf.org.uk

Please do not hesitate to ask any further questions and remember to check the Online Safety Page on the school website for further resources.

Yours

Miss Sanderson