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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today is Safer Internet Day. The internet is an ever present part of daily life and has many positive aspects but giving out too much personal information and "over sharing" online can have consequences.



Safer Internet Day 2019 | Tuesday 5 February
Together for a better internet

Increasing numbers of children have mobile phones, access to the internet, play games online or use social media sites such as 'Snapchat', 'WhatsApp' or 'Instagram'.

As parents we know that most of these apps/games require users to be 13 years old or older, but children are using them anyway: some by getting permission from parents to create an account, while others lie about their age to get past sign-up restrictions; one child today told me that they had said they were 18 to gain access to their Instagram account!



We have spoken to the children about the dangers of sharing too much personal information online. A good way to think about this is asking children, what details would you be happy to reveal about yourself on a poster in your high street? Children need to think carefully before they reveal any personal information and should be encouraged to think about who has access to it and how long it stays online; our message has very much been- if you wouldn't say it/show it to your parents; you should not be saying it/sharing it online or in a group chat.



We know how important it is to protect and educate young people on using the internet; computing is an important part of your child's education and increasingly their social life. It is essential that at school and at home we work together to ensure that children understand the benefits that technology can bring and ensure that the children know how to use technology safely. Ask yourself tonight; are you checking your children's online activity or chat history? If you are not...go and check!



I have attached some information to this letter about how to support your child's safe use of the internet. If you have any questions on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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If you are worried about anything your child has seen on the internet you can report it to the police by clicking on this button:



Remember when using any computer, tablet or phone devices we teach your child to be **SMART**:

- S- SAFE** Don't give out your own information
- M- MEET** Only meet people you have met online with your parents
- A- ACCEPTING** Only open emails & texts from people you trust
- R- RELIABLE** Some people online tell lies, only talk to real world friends and family
- T- TELL** Tell a parent or adult you trust if something you see online makes you feel uncomfortable

Please click on this link for further details relating to **ONLINE SAFETY AWARENESS**

Please help us to keep your child safe by keeping an eye on their internet activity and researching e-safety by using the links below:



<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs>

