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Dear Parents/Carers,

As today is Safer Internet Day, we would like to draw your attention to E-safety and how you can help your children enjoy using devices in a confident and responsible way. Parenting in a digital world, where children can seem more competent with technology than adults, can often feel like a potentially fraught environment. As a school, we consider E-Safety to be an important part of our approach to safeguarding. With this in mind, we'd like to encourage and support you in cultivating an environment where the children feel comfortable discussing what they are doing, who they are connecting with and how they feel whilst engaging online.

The <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> website provides advice, tips and resources for children and adults. The cornerstone of safe internet usage is the acronym SMART;

Safe: Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

Meet: Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

Accepting: Accepting emails, messages, or opening files, images or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems — they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

Reliable: Someone online might lie about who they are and information on the internet may not be true.

Tell: Tell a parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone, or something, makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Each year, we go through SMART with all pupils and encourage you to do the same heading into the half term break. This will help build confidence and create an open conversation between adult and child.

The following links contain helpful information and resources to support you at home:



<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

We hope you have a positive week and a restful half term.

Kind regards,

Mr Mann

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