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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Safer Internet Day 2025 - Inspiring Change Online

On Tuesday, 11th February 2025, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day, a nationwide initiative focused on promoting online safety. This year's theme, **"Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence, and navigating change online,"** explores how young people experience and shape the online world, including their perspectives on emerging technology, making positive changes, and understanding the influences they face.

As the UK's biggest celebration of online safety, Safer Internet Day provides a valuable opportunity to help children navigate the digital world responsibly. With the internet becoming a central part of our lives, teaching children to stay safe, think critically, and act positively online is more important than ever, particularly for our youngest learners aged 4-9 years.

Why Internet Safety Matters for Younger Children

Even at a young age, children encounter the internet through gaming, videos, and educational tools. While the internet can be a fantastic source of fun and learning, young children may not yet have the skills to identify risks such as:

- Inappropriate or harmful content.
- Sharing personal information online.
- Managing feelings of pressure or comparison from others online.

By educating children early, we empower them to build healthy habits for using the internet safely, develop critical thinking skills, and feel confident discussing their experiences online with trusted adults.

In school, we will deliver engaging activities tailored to each age group, including interactive stories, group discussions, and creative tasks to help children understand how to stay safe online. This will

enrich the work we already do in our school curriculum. For younger pupils, this might include exploring safe gaming, identifying trusted adults, and learning to recognize and avoid inappropriate content.

Resources and Parent Training

We believe that parents and carers play a crucial role in supporting children to navigate the online world. As part of Safer Internet Day, we are pleased to be able to offer a free workshop in conjunction with West Mercia Police:

Safer Internet Day

Online safety training for parents and guardians by West Mercia Police

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can help to keep them safe.

Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Date: Tuesday 11 Feb 2025

Time: 10am

Location: Microsoft Teams via Eventbrite

Sign up to the Eventbrite session by clicking on the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-child-exploitation-session-for-parents-and-guardians-tickets-1123477364039?aff=oddtcreator>



Protect our children!

We also encourage you to explore the resources available on the UK Safer Internet Centre's website (www.saferinternet.org.uk) or participate in the BBC's *Safer Internet Day Live Lesson*, which provides valuable tips for managing internet use as a family.

By working together, we can ensure that our children grow up with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to use the internet safely and positively. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gromski

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