

Safer Internet Day 2022

Information for parents/carers

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of 'Safer Internet Day 2022' we discuss and clarify ways that children can keep themselves safe online. Children have access to a vast array of communication platforms at home and many of them are experiencing friendship issues or seeing things online that upset or worry them. Naturally, children discuss and report these things in school and we have seen a recent surge in online issues having to be dealt with at school.

As part of our PHSE curriculum, we have been exploring how to be 'Internet Awesome' when playing and socialising online.

The main areas covered and discussed are:

- BE INTERNET SHARP - Think Before You Share
- BE INTERNET ALERT - Check It's For Real
- BE INTERNET SECURE - Protect Your Stuff
- BE INTERNET KIND - Respect Each Other
- BE INTERNET BRAVE - When in Doubt, Discuss

We can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you to ensure the e-Safety message is consistent. Your help is needed to talk to your children about how they can keep safe and behave appropriately online. We would encourage you to have frequent and on-going discussion at home about many of these areas as often as possible.

Attached is a handy guide for parents with a list of our top tips to ensure that whether children are going online to chat, research things or just have fun, they can do it safely.

There are a number of tips on things such as how to spot fake news, reporting something offensive online and how to deal with bullies.

We really value your support in this matter.

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