



Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Tuesday 9 February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2021**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and more to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. Pupils will have access to information and materials to read through in their Google Classroom Values folder as a reminder of the key ways to stay safe.

At 1 pm on Tuesday 9, your Safer Schools Officers will be going live on the West Yorkshire Police Facebook page to discuss with parents and carers how kids can stay safe when online. They will also be answering any questions that you might have.

The West Yorkshire Police Facebook Page can be accessed by visiting the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/westyorkshirepolice

A video explaining this event can be accessed by visiting the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FM391loX73E&feature=youtu.be

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers which is available at: saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents.

There are also **top tips**, a **quiz** and **films** which you can use at home with your child. Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from <u>Childnet</u>
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre
- Guides on popular apps and games from <u>NetAware</u>
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from <u>Common Sense Media</u>
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from <u>Internet Matters</u>
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from <u>CEOP</u>
- Parent/Carer family activity sheets from <u>ThinkUKnow</u>

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we're committed to teaching our pupils about.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's Year leader in the first instance.

