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Safer Internet Day 2023

Dear parents and carers

Next week we shall be spending time with the students marking Safer Internet Day. This year the theme is <u>'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.</u> We would encourage you to continue these discussions with your child at home. It might also serve as a good opportunity to talk to your child about how safe they feel online, including on any gaming platforms, as well as on their social media accounts.

I have also collated some links and resources that I hope you will find useful in aiding these discussions at home both now and in the future. I do hope they are helpful as useful reference points.

- <u>Here</u> is a link to "Think u Know" an excellent website to help and support parents and carers.
- Online gaming guide for parents by the <u>NSPCC</u>
- #Asktheawkward conversation guides from CEOP
- Advice for parents and carers from Childnet
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the <u>UK Safer Internet Centre</u>
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from <u>Common</u> <u>Sense Media</u>
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from Internet Matters
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from CEOP
- TALK checklist by the Internet Watch Foundation
- Social media privacy setting checklists by <u>SWGfL</u>

Please also find <u>attached</u> a comprehensive article written by Vodafone on promoting good digital wellbeing amongst young people. *This is well worth a read.*

I hope you find these useful as we help to reinforce these messages. Please follow us on twitter <u>@Ab Wellbeing</u> if you haven't already done so. We will be posting regular updates here too.

Best wishes

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