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Dear Parents/Carers,

Safer Internet Day- February 2022



Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. The theme for 2022 is **"All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online"**.

The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how can we help support children and young people separate fact from fiction? From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of.

Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers. The Safer Internet campaign will focus on how we can decide what to trust online, supporting children to question, challenge and change the online world for the better.

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Safer Internet Day challenges everyone to play their part in fostering supportive relationships and respectful communities online. From discussing the way the internet can be used to communicate, to creating positive change in online groups when bullying behaviours arise, the Day empowers young people to be at the heart of creating a better internet.

Often we hear about the negative impact that the internet and new technology has on young people, but on Safer Internet Day we want to celebrate the positives and to explore what we can all do to make sure that all young people have a positive time online.

Parents and Carers play a crucial role in supporting children to navigate the risks and make the most of the opportunities offered by technology. The most important thing you can do is to have a conversation and stay engaged with your children's digital lives.

At Grange Primary School we know that technology is really exciting. It can let us do lots of fun, interesting and useful things, but it's important to know how to use it safely! As part of the teaching and learning curriculum at Grange Primary School, your child has supervised access to the internet on a regular basis. We believe that the effective use of the World Wide Web and e-mail is a worthwhile and essential skill for our pupils to become 'life-long learners' as they grow up in the 21st century.

The UK Safer Internet Centre have produced some brilliant 'How-To' guides for parents which show you how to change the safety/child-lock settings on smartphones, gaming devices, Ipads etc. They are very useful and you can find them by clicking on the link below:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

**Parental E-Safety Workshop-
Thursday, 03rd February 2022 at 9:00am**

Come and find out how we can support you in keeping your children safe while they are online.

Thanking you all for your support and co-operation!

Kind regards,

Lorram Black

Deputy Headteacher

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