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Dear Parents,

Safer Internet Day

We will be reminding children of the importance of online safety by taking part in **Safer Internet Day** again this year on Tuesday 6th February. Safer Internet Day is organised in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre in February of each year to promote the safe and responsible use of online technology and mobile phones for children and young people.

We will be holding an online safety assembly using age-appropriate material to help teach children the importance of staying safe online. The children will also be completing online safety related activities in their classrooms throughout the week. Further information can be found on the **UK Safer Internet Centre** website http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/. This website has a parents/carers section which includes information about setting up the parental controls on your home internet and on devices like smart phones, tablets and games consoles together with resources aimed at primary aged children.

Recommended Websites

The following websites have been recommended to us and provide important information about staying safe online:

CEOPs (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) Think U Know:
The Think U Know website www.thinkuknow.co.uk provides information on internet safety and the sites young people like to visit. It is separated into sections relevant for 5-7 years, 8-10 years and 11-16 years. There is also an informative Parents/Carers section.

Childnet International
Childnet International http://www.childnet.com/ is a non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children. Here you will find top tips, games and internet safety information to help young people get the very best out of the internet and stay safe online**.**

Internet Matters
Internet Matters http://www.internetmatters.org/ provides advice on important online safety issues, news and advice from industry experts, guidance on setting parental controls and filters and reviews on the latest technology and apps.

Parentzone
https://parentzone.org.uk/ provides information and advice for families including some useful parents' guides.

Virgin Media

Virgin Media O2 have created a children's internet safety test to help build awareness for parents and children of all ages to ensure they are better protected online [Children's Online Safety Test | Virgin Media O2](#)

Yours sincerely,

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