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Dear Parents

Safer Internet Day 2020

Next week we shall be spending time with the boys marking Safer Internet Day. 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 wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet. This year, in the UK, Safer Internet Day will encourage young people to explore how they manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others.

We'd 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 resource pack for parents and carers which is available here: saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents.

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

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

Please also find here a great article written by Vodafone on promoting good digital wellbeing amongst young people. I hope you find all these useful.

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we're committed to teaching our students about. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with either your son's Tutor, Housemaster, myself or our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Hindley (Deputy Head Pastoral).

Please also take time to follow us on twitter if you haven't already done so.

Yours sincerely

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