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Internet Safety Day 7th February 2017: Important advice for parents/carers

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week we will once again take part in the National Internet Safety day. We teach children about E-safety throughout the year but the specific day enables us to reinforce important messages to our children.

As part of the overall strategy to keep children safe, parents and carers have a vital role in keeping children safe online so we wanted to share some useful websites that we recommend. Technology, apps and the internet are developing at a rapid pace so it can be difficult to keep up with the latest information. We believe that the following information will be very supportive and help you develop really useful knowledge and understanding:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

The think you know website is a useful bank of videos and advice for children and parents. Within the parent section there is the opportunity to find out how to report an incident and what to do if you are concerned about your child. In addition to this, there is an excellent section that can develop your understanding of how to keep your child safe online. https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/

The 'Get safe' website is an extensive bank of information. If you hear certain words you are unsure about then this website is for you. The 'Safeguarding Children' section is very useful.

One of our best pieces of advice is to always know what your child is accessing and ask them to teach you about the things they use. They often know more than we do! We believe once you have the knowledge you are in a better position to consider the risks. Thank you for taking the time to read this advice.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Pattison

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