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Dear Parent/Guardian

Safer Internet Day 2020

On **Tuesday 11 February 2020** we will be joining schools and youth settings across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2020**. 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 community, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in Maiden Erlegh School and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. Some of the activities we will be participating in on the day include:

- Assembly to students about how to stay safe online
- Tutor session on internet safety
- Foundation students will create a pledge about how to stay safe online

We would 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: <u>saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents</u>.

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

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

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we are 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 your child's tutor who will be able to support you.

Yours sincerely

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