



3 February 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Safer Internet Day 2021

On Tuesday 9 February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2021. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, guardians, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and more to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in 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'll be participating in on the day include:

- Dedicated assemblies during the week beginning Mon 8 February.
- Introduction of our new Pastoral, Inclusion and Safeguarding information Facebook page, which can be found by searching for 'Maiden Erlegh School Pastoral, Inclusion & Safeguarding'.
- A series of age-appropriate, interactive Online Safety posters which provide links to further resources for you and your child to discuss. Click on the relevant poster to read more.

Foundation Poster

Key Stage 4 Poster

PLEASE NOTE: The KS4 poster features a link to an online play which we recommend is shown only to students in Years 9 and above.

We would be delighted if you could join us in marking the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers which is available at: saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents.

There are also <u>top tips</u>, a <u>quiz</u> and <u>films</u> which you can use at home with your child. Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

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

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 your child's Head of Year, or myself as Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Yours sincerely

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