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Dear Parent/Guardian

Safer Internet Day 2024 – Tuesday 6 February

On Tuesday 6 February, we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024. 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 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.

Throughout the week beginning Monday 5 February students will be receiving an assembly on this years' theme which is about change online. They will explore topics such as how the internet has changed over previous years and changes to come. In addition, our Year 7 Students will be having a talk from a police officer regarding staying safe online.

We would encourage you to have regular discussions with your children at home regarding safer internet usage and to support you with this you may wish to explore the following resources:

- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the Safer Internet website <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers> and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre
- Support for children with Special educational needs and educating them on safer internet use [Getting Star](https://www.childnet.com/resources/star-send-toolkit/getting-started/ted) <https://www.childnet.com/resources/star-send-toolkit/getting-started/ted> | Childnet
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from; <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/screen-time-healthy-balance-teachers/>
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>

In addition, I have attached a document that explains about the deep and dark web. Parents should be aware that this exists and how their child could gain access to this using TOR to override parental controls.

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 Head of Year or myself as Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Yours sincerely

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