

30th January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Online Safety

I am writing to inform you that this month in school your son/daughter has spent time in House assemblies, Tutor time and in Years 7-9 their ICT lessons, looking at Online Safety. The online world is a key area in the lives of many young people and we want to try and equip students with the skills to use the internet for the fantastic resource it can be, but equally, to be aware of the potential risks of the online world.

The key messages your child has been taught about are:

1. The importance of keeping personal details private.
2. Thinking before posting any comments / pictures. Are they appropriate? Would their parents be proud of what they post?
3. Never, ever, ever post pictures of anything covered by their underwear- (NSPCC Pants rule).
4. Knowing how to stay safe online, who to contact (NSPCC, CEOPs, Think U Know) and telling a trusted adult if they are concerned about anything online.

We will also mark Safer Internet Day in school on Tuesday 6 February with a series of different activities to enhance awareness of and increase children's understanding of how they can stay safe online.

We hope you will have the opportunity to further enforce school's work on online safety by talking to your child about this important topic. You may think your child knows more than you about aspects of social media and the online world but not all children know how to deal with it or respond appropriately. By working in partnership with you as parents we can help our students to make better and more informed online choices and ultimately keep them safe online.

I hope you have found this information useful. Thanking you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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