

Tuesday 21st January 2025

RE: Online Safety Information for Parents/Carers

Dear parent/carers,

The internet is a big part of children's lives in the UK, with children spending 2 to 5 hours online daily (OFCOM, 2024). It helps them make friends, learn, and be creative. However, the internet also has risks, such as exposure to harmful content and online abuse.

Schools have a duty to ensure children are protected and taught how to keep themselves safe. Filtering, monitoring, and a robust online safety curriculum all form part of this duty.

Safer Internet Day (11th February 2025) is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety.

We are pleased to share that your child will have their annual <u>Keeping Safe Online</u> training on **Thursday 13th February** as part of Safer Internet support. This training will be led by experienced, external consultants from ECP Safeguarding, who deliver this training to parents, children and school staff nationally. Each session will be tailored to the ages and curriculum of each specific year group.

In Year 6, to support your child as they transition to secondary school, their session will contain reference to nude & semi-nude images in an age-appropriate manner. This will be in line with current KCSIE 2024 & the Y6 RSHE curriculum mapping guidance.

However, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and while it is never possible to remove risk entirely, parents and carers also have a duty to ensure their children are kept safe and are able to manage risk effectively both in the real world and online.

We are also hosting a <u>session for parents and carers on Thursday 13th February at 9am – 10am</u> in the hall. We strongly recommend you attend this session to be informed on how to keep your children safe online. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Please also look at the parental guide that is designed to help families to develop safe and healthy internet use using the TECH approach. It is research-based, practical and trauma-informed. Please see the guidance document for parents/carers here: <u>Keep Your Child Safe Online Guide 2024.pdf</u> It includes useful information and raises awareness to support you in keeping your children safe online.

Thank you for your support in keeping children safe online.

Kind Regards

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