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Safer Internet Day
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Dear Parent,

1 February 2019

Safer Internet Day 2019 is on Tuesday 5th February 2019, with the theme 'Together for a Better Internet'. As a school we encourage children to use the internet in a safe and responsible way. Our network at Academy filters all internet content available for pupil usage. Please read the information overleaf as we encourage all parents to discuss internet safety with their child / children. If you are unsure how to go about discussing the issues linked to internet safety with your child we find that www.kidsmart.org.uk is a good place to start. This website will give you, as a parent, ideas on how best to approach the subject of Internet Safety with your child / children.

I will be giving a short half hour talk for P1 -3 on the theme of giving permission to share online safety on Tuesday 5th February. I will also give a more advanced *sharing online* presentation to the P4 – P7 children. For the P1-3 talk I will discuss what they should do if they come across anything unusual or are asked for information online. I will also address this with the older children in their talk and in addition to this, I will address the importance of not disclosing any personal information whilst online and the importance of using mobile phones / online gaming responsibly and sharing respectful posts on social media.

At Academy Primary we are very aware that we have a responsibility to encourage pupils to demonstrate responsible behaviour on the internet and an awareness of online safety and I draw your attention to the following policies that are in school and available from the school office on request:

- Acceptable use of the Internet and Digital Technologies
- Mobile Phone Policy.

Your child will have received an age appropriate '*Acceptable Use Agreement*' for using computers and iPads in Academy Primary. Please discuss this agreement with your child at home and when they have signed it, return it to the class teacher.

To help promote Internet Safety at Academy, Tuesday 5th February's homework for P3 –P7 will be to design a poster with the theme 'Together for a Better Internet'.

We are hoping that the PSNI will be in school during our Parent Teacher Interviews in March to give advice to parents on Internet Safety. They have done this for the past few years and parental feedback was very positive. The PSNI set up a stall in our foyer on the Parent/ Teacher Interview days and parents were able to talk to and receive advice from the officers. If you feel this is a service you would like to avail of this year, please sign and return the slip below.

Many thanks for your anticipated support for '*Safer Internet Day*',

A. Logan
UICT Co ordinator

Year group/s of child / children _____

I would like appreciate the PSNI being present to discuss 'Internet Safety' this year in the school during the Parent/ Teacher Interviews in March.

Signed: _____