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Online Safety Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

At school we take the safety of our pupils very seriously, including their safety while they access the internet. With children spending an ever increasing amount of time online, we want this approach to online safety to spread to their home online environment too. We are therefore sharing some information, tips and resources to help guide your children through the online world.

Parents Online Safety Meeting with Peter Cowley

On **Tuesday 5th October from 6:30 - 7:30** Peter Cowley, from Achieving for Children, will be running a parents meeting to discuss the latest online safety information and tips.

This meeting is always well attended as is a great opportunity to remind yourself of the latest information, this will also provide you an opportunity to ask any questions you may currently have.

To access the meeting please use the Google Meet Code: **vtr-drn-h-mzd**

How our Curriculum Supports Your Children to be Safe Online

In school we support the children's ability to utilise the internet safely through our Computing Curriculum and wider curriculum opportunities.

Through our curriculum all of the children are taught in school to:

- Use technology safely and respectfully;
- Keep personal information private;
- Identify where and who to report to for help and support;
- Recognise acceptable and unacceptable behaviour;
- Discern and evaluate information online;
- Understand the opportunities that technology offers;
- Utilise information online and avoid plagiarism.

Online Bullying

It is vitally important that the pupils at our school understand how their behaviour online can affect others. We are committed to educating the children to be responsible online users. We are also aware that with the rise of social media and particularly its use over the last two years children's behaviour and



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relationships online are an increasingly important issue. Online Bullying is just as harmful as face-to-face bullying and online actions can have real life consequences.

The best way to tackle any issues of bullying and online bullying is for schools, pupils and parents to work together.

UNICEF have created a useful page which helps to identify what Cyberbullying is and how to stop it whilst still being able to enjoy the internet. This does refer to older children but the principles are the same:

<https://www.unicef.org/end-violence/how-to-stop-cyberbullying>

Support for Parents and Carers to Support Their Children at Home

There are a multitude of online resources available to keep parents informed and children safe online. Some of our top recommendations include:

Safer Schools

Safer Schools have an online Safety Centre as well as a mobile app for parents and carers to find answers to their Online Safety questions. Ranging from how to set up tablets to the latest games and dangers. The Safer Schools app also has a weekly update to keep parents in the loop about this week's latest Online Safety news.

<https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/>

Think U Know

Think U Know has a plethora of information to support parents and children staying safe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Safer Internet

The UK Safer Internet Centre is regularly updated with the latest challenges children face online. This is hugely important to keep ahead of the support that children need to stay safe online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

It is important that the message of Online Safety is replicated both at school and at home to allow our children to have the confidence to navigate the internet safely and responsibly.

Yours sincerely

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