



4th February 2021

## **SAFER INTERNET DAY: 9th February 2021**

During lockdown, children and young people are spending more time on technology and the internet, so safer internet messages are particularly important.

Safer Internet Day will be globally celebrated on the 9th February 2021 to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees hundreds of organisations unite to raise awareness of online safety issues and run events and activities right across the UK. This year's theme is: An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world. As a school, we will be getting involved and details will be posted on Google Classroom for those pupils working remotely. Please could we really encourage your child/ren to get involved.



To celebrate and support this important campaign, the Community Safety & Wellbeing Team are hosting a number of FREE webinars for parents & carers. The webinars will explore some of the key factors to be aware of regarding the online space and exploitation of children & young people. There will be a key focus on the following topics: trust online, fake news, conspiracy theories & radicalisation. To book a FREE place, please use either of the links below:

[9th February 2021](#)

[12th February 2021](#)

## **Tips to Keep Your Child Safe Online**

### **1. Talk to your child**

Talk to them about what they're doing online and how they can stay safe. Let them know they can come to you, or another adult they trust if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they've seen online. They can also get support from Childline. <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

### **2. Explore apps and sites together**

Explore what your child likes to do online together. You can use 'Net Aware' to help you obtain information about the suitability, privacy, safety and support settings of some of the most popular sites, apps and games. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

### **3. Agree what's appropriate together**

Agree your own rules as a family when using apps, sites or games. You can use the NSPCC family agreement template on the link below to help get you started. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/o2-nspcc-family-agreement-template.pdf>

### **4. Check your settings**

Check the technology your family uses and use privacy and location settings to keep your child safe. You can call your mobile and broadband provider to find out how to do this. Visit the NSPCC parental controls page to find out more. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

The following websites have been advised by the Department for Education for parents and carers to keep children safe online and include:

- [Internet matters](#) - support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
  - [London Grid for Learning](#) - support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
  - [Net-aware](#) - support for parents and carers from the NSPCC
  - [Parent info](#) - support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
  - [Thinkuknow](#) - advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
  - [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers
  - [Childnet](#) - has produced a Parent and Carer Toolkit which is a collection of three resources designed to help you talk to your child about their online life.
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## School News

- **Half Term Reminder:** Please don't forget that school will be closed for all children on the Inset Days; Friday 12th and Monday 22nd February, as well as the half term week in between. There will be no remote learning set for these days.
  - **Staff Testing:** For your information the school staff have started undertaking regular lateral flow tests for COVID-19. In the event of a positive test result, year group bubbles may have to be isolated. We would, of course, notify you as soon as possible if your child has to self-isolate.
  - **Relationships Education:** We are currently reviewing our Relationships Education curriculum which is closely linked to our Personal, Social and Health Education lessons. The relationships element is designed to help children have positive and safe relationships with family, friends and online. We also focus on Health Education which is intended to help children make good decisions about their health and wellbeing, whilst enabling them to know how to seek support if any health issues arise for themselves or others. As a school we also include aspects of Sex Education in years 5 and 6, focussing on puberty and changes to the body. If you would like more information about statutory Relationships and Health education please click [here](#) to read the government guide. Once our review is complete we will update our RSE and PSHE policies to reflect the new statutory guidance. Parents and Carers will have an opportunity to comment on the revised policies before they are finalised.
  - **Congratulations:** Brody in Year 2 set himself the challenge of running 100km in January and on Sunday 31st he completed the distance. Well done Brody!
  - **School Nurse - Early Years Checks:** Unfortunately the school nurse is not able to attend school to undertake their regular sight and hearing checks with the children. Their advice, if you are concerned about your child's vision or hearing, is to arrange a free appointment with an orthoptist for their vision or consult your GP for a hospital referral regarding their hearing.
  - **Boost the Bond Course:** Don't forget to check out our brand new online parenting course, details of which were sent out via ParentMail on Tuesday this week. This is only available for 2 weeks so don't miss out on the opportunity.
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## Other News

**Findon Valley Residents' Association:** The FVRA's latest initiative is detailed in the attached flyer.

## Important Dates to Remember.....

2020/2021 Academic Year	
Friday 12th February 2021	Inset Day 4
Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2021	Half Term Break
Monday 22nd February 2021	Inset Day 5
Thursday 1st April 2021	Last Day of the Spring Term
Monday 19th April 2021	First Day of the Summer Term
Monday 3rd May 2021	Bank Holiday
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021	Half Term Break
Friday 23rd July 2021	Last of the Summer Term/Academic Year
2021/2022 Academic Year	
Thursday 2nd September 2021	Inset Day 1
Friday 3rd September 2021	Inset Day 2
Monday 6th September 2021	First Day of the New Academic Year
Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2021	Half Term Break
Monday 1st November 2021	Inset Day 3
Friday 17th December 2021	Last Day of the Autumn Term
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Inset Day 4
Wednesday 5th January 2022	First Day of the Spring Term
Monday 31st January 2022	Inset Day 5
Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022	Half Term Break
Friday 8th April 2022	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 25th April 2022	First Day of the Summer Term
Monday 2nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
Monday 30 May - Friday 3rd June 2022	Half Term Break
Friday 22nd July 2022	Last Day of the Summer Term/Academic Year