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Dear Parent

## **February Safeguarding Update**

This month the safeguarding team are creating awareness on Safer Internet Use. Miss Amy Vanner has hosted assemblies on the theme of 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online' ahead of Safer Internet Day, on Tuesday 8 February.

## Safer Internet Day 2022

Globally each February, people around the world celebrate and promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

## Website support

The UK safer internet centre website found at <a href="www.saferinternet.org.uk">www.saferinternet.org.uk</a> offers helpful information for parents on the following topics:

- Coercion online
- Gaming
- Misinformation
- Online bullying
- Parental controls
- Pornography
- Texting
- Social media

Under guides and resourcing you can find informative tips which are broken down into the various categories, depending on what your relationship to the child is, including a guide for grandparents, parents and carers and young people themselves.

I hope that this website is useful, especially with half term approaching and the weather meaning that more of us will be spending longer periods inside.

## **Finally**

As always, please do contact reception and ask for the designated safeguarding lead if you have any issues around your child's safety that you would like to discuss. Please also get in touch if you would like information on a different topic that I have not included in this month's update.

I look forward to writing to you next month on more topical safeguarding issues.

Yours faithfully

Helen Seath Vice Principal