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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tuesday 5th February – Safer Internet Day

At Manby Lodge Infant School we take the safety of our pupils very seriously, including their safety whilst they access the internet. For this reason we are going to invite you to take part in our next Shared Learning activity based on E-Safety this term. Please see details of the Shared learning dates in the separate letter.

Some of you attended the E-Safety Workshop that was held at Oatlands recently, and those of you who did, found it really useful. There will be another workshop for parents whose children attend Weybridge schools. The workshop is on Tuesday 26th February. Further details can be found on the flyer also attached with this letter.

We teach our children at school all about e-safety and we want this approach to e-safety to spread to the home online environment as well. We are therefore sharing with you some tips and resources to help you guide your children and help you keep up to date in a digital world. You will find out more about how we teach children how to be safe online if you are able to attend the Shared Learning this term in school.

In the meantime, please see the following tips for online safety at home:

- Have on-going conversations with your children about staying safe online. There are three areas to think about:
 - ✓ WHO your child is talking to
 - ✓ WHAT they're doing, and
 - ✓ WHERE they're going online
- Use safety tools on social networks and other online services, e.g. Facebook privacy settings
- Decide if you want to use parental controls on your home internet
- Understand the devices that your children use, and the parental control tools they offer. Refer to Parents Guide to Technology.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>



Digital Parenting is another useful website to look at – <http://www.pitda.co.uk>. They recommend creating a 'Family Internet Policy' with ideas such as:

- ✓ Creating boundaries and rules for the amount of time your child can spend online.
- ✓ Choose an appropriate homepage on your family computer or tablet – for example, bbc.co.uk/cbeebies.
- ✓ Talk it through - share your technology rules with grandparents, babysitters and older siblings so that they stick to them when they look after your child or use the family computer. And finally...
- ✓ The rules and conversation you have now will set the tone for your child's internet use as they get older.

If you would like to ensure you are up to date with e-safety issues there will be an Online Information Session for parents at St. James School at 7pm on Tuesday 26th February, please see attached flyer.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Fitzgerald
Computing Lead

Useful links for parents:

Childnet: www.childnet.com

Childnet has a wealth of resources, including; leaflets, top tips, screen time guides, conversation starters and resources for parents/carers.

Parent Port: www.parentport.org.uk

Run by the UK's media regulators, Parent Port enables parents and professionals to report inappropriate online material, such as videos, adverts or news articles.

NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety and www.net-aware.org.uk

The NSPCC have teamed up with 02 to provide information and advice for parents, as well as a free online safety helpline. They have also produced Net Aware, where they have reviewed some popular apps young people are using, including age ratings and how easy it is to report problems.

Internet Matters: www.internetmatters.org

Internet Matters is a not-for-profit organisation working with online safety experts to provide advice and information for parents. It has an interactive tool which provides step by step guides to setting up parental controls on different devices, as well as video tutorials and guidance about specific concerns.

Parent Zone: www.theparentzone.co.uk and www.parentinfo.org

Parent Zone provides up-to-date content on a variety of parenting concerns, including online safety. In collaboration with Vodafone, they have produced Digital Parenting magazine, which settings can order for free or can link to online. Settings can also sign up to host articles from CEOP and Parent Zone on their website for free.

UK Safer Internet Centre: www.saferinternet.org.uk

UK Safer Internet Centre provides advice and guidance on online safety. Their website is aimed at professionals, but their parent guides to technology and social media checklists are valuable resources to share with parents or link to on the school website: www.swgfl.org.uk/products-services/esafety/resources

CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) are part of the National Crimes Agency (NCA) and specialise in investigating grooming and sexual abuse online. Their educational website www.thinkuknow.co.uk has a specific section with advice for parents/carers. The 'Click CEOP' report button provides a means of reporting abuse online and can be downloaded onto the setting website.

Home Office: www.gov.uk/report-terrorism and www.educateagainsthate.com

The government have introduced a button for reporting online material which promotes terrorism or extremism and an educational website with advice and information for parents.