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## Safer Internet Day Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents,

Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated on 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

As a safeguarding school, we take e-safety very seriously. We are aware of the need to keep pupils safe in this digital age and promote Online Safety across each year group of the school, ensuring children are aware of our Internet Use expectations and how to keep themselves safe when using the Internet. Next Tuesday the children will be exploring age appropriate activities around Online Safety and internet use in school focussing on the Safer Internet day theme for 2022.

It is essential that school and parents/carers work together to promote Online Safety messages to the children in our care and to provide guidance to children on how to keep safe on line and what to do if they are uncomfortable in a situation.

Below you can find links to useful websites and resources that will help to keep children safe in the digital world.

You will also find the link to our Parent Online Safety page and our Children's online safety page of our website where you can go to at any time to get advice on how to support your child with different aspects of staying safe online.

If you have any questions or concerns with regards to e-safety then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

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<https://st-nicholas-ceva-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/internet-safety/> -Children's learning page

<https://st-nicholas-ceva-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/internet-safety-1/> - Parent Support page

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

## Top Tips for Parents and Carers

Have a look at the tips and links below with some suggestions on how to get you started and help you to stay safe and positive online. You and your family can #PlayYourPart in creating a better internet by...

### Having conversations without judgement.

Whether by playing games, watching videos, or doing things your child enjoys, spending time together online is a great way to start conversations about the online world and how they're finding being a part of it. It is important to ask questions and take an interest in what your child enjoys online.

An essential part of having this open dialogue is to not judge, even if their behaviour or life online isn't what you wanted or expected. This ensures that your child feels they can come to you if ever they make a mistake or experience a problem online.

### Knowing where you can learn more about their favourite apps and games.

Websites like Common Sense Media or The Family Gaming Database can be invaluable sources of information. When your child starts talking about a new game or app, why not do some research into the reporting and blocking options available? Then you can help your child if they come to you with an issue.

### Getting support if things go wrong.

There are lots of organisations who are there to support you and your family if something has gone wrong. The [Report Harmful Content website](#) can help you with issues such as cyberbullying, impersonation and threats. You can report worrying behaviour towards children to [CEOP](#). Find out more on [Childnet's Get Help page](#).

### Reassuring your child that whatever happens online, you are there to support them.

Let your child know that the best way to address any problem they have online, is to tell a trusted adult immediately. For example, this might include someone sending them a friend request; an online message; telling them to visit a specific website, or app; or asking them for their personal information. Reassure them that if anything happens online that they are unsure about, or makes them feel worried or upset, they can come to you for help.



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