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## **Safer Internet Day 2025**

*Empower, Explore, Excel*

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move towards an increasingly digital society, the way we interact, learn, and communicate is evolving at an unprecedented pace. But how do we ensure our children remain safe in this ever-changing online world?



On **Tuesday 11th February 2025**, all three schools within the Tri-School Federation will be participating in **Safer Internet Day 2025**, the UK's biggest online safety initiative. This year's theme is:

### **'Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online'**

Scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated, and young people are a key target for fraudsters. We will be working with pupils to help them think critically about the online world, recognise risks, and protect themselves and others from deception.

#### **How Are We Keeping Children Safe Online?**

Online safety is a key priority for our federation. In line with DFE guidance ('Keeping Children Safe in Education'), we ensure that:

- All staff receive regular DSL training on safeguarding, cyber security, and digital resilience.
- Smoothwall filtering and compliance systems are in place across all schools, ensuring that harmful content is blocked while maintaining balanced access for learning.
- Mrs Bourner and I receive real-time alerts from Smoothwall for any flagged online activity, allowing immediate intervention if needed.
- Cyber security training is embedded for all staff, ensuring best practices in digital safety.



#### **Off-Timetable Learning & Non-Uniform Day**

To fully engage with the day, all children will be off-timetable, allowing for dedicated lessons and discussions on staying safe online.

- Pupil Voice Survey
- Interactive Workshops
- Floor Book Reflections
- PSHE Lesson 1 Decision Design
- Computing & Enrichment Activities
- Safety Assembly Led by Senior Teachers

As part of the event, pupils are invited to attend in non-uniform.



## Supporting Parents & Carers – Keeping Children Safe Online

We understand that technology moves fast and keeping up with the latest online trends and risks can be challenging. To help, we have compiled a list of resources to support parents/carers in guiding children's digital experiences safely:

-  Guide to Phones – Mobile safety tips and parental controls.
-  Laptops & Online Learning – Supporting safe and responsible laptop use.
-  Smart Speakers & AI – Managing voice-activated devices safely.
-  Games Consoles – Understanding online gaming risks and parental controls.
-  Tablets & Smart Devices – Best practices for managing screen time.
-  Smart TVs & Streaming – Filtering inappropriate content on connected TVs.
-  Social Media Safety – Privacy settings and safety features across popular platforms.

For guidance on helping your child use the internet responsibly, please visit:

-  UK Safer Internet Centre
-  NSPCC Online Safety Hub
-  ThinkUKnow – CEOP Education

We encourage all families to explore these resources, engage in discussions with their children, and take steps to enhance digital safety at home. At school, we are committed to equipping pupils with the critical thinking skills and awareness needed to navigate the internet safely. We encourage families to continue these discussions at home, reinforcing the importance of awareness, responsibility, and positive digital habits.

However, we must ask ourselves:

**Are we, as adults, adapting quickly enough to understand and support children in their online lives?**

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school.

Thank you for your support in helping us to create a safer, more informed, and digitally resilient generation.

Kind regards,



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