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Dear Parent/Carer,

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, it is Safer Internet Day, therefore we are taking the opportunity this week to highlight internet safety week.

For children and young people growing up today being online is very much a part of their normal social experience. Most children from school age have access to the internet whether through a tablet, a mobile phone, or a gaming device.

At the same time, technology moves quickly, and it can be difficult for parents to keep up and to know what safeguards might help minimise the risks children could encounter online.

We also know during Covid-19 the risk has again escalated. Perpetrators are aware children and young people are at home spending more time at home, may be isolated from their friends. They are using this to their advantage.

We are providing an opportunity for all students to watch a performance from Saltmine productions on an interactive webpage for internet safety day. Within this safe space, choices are put into the hands of participating young people as they are empowered to make wise choices and take control of what happens next, exploring how young people can tread with confidence whilst leaving an inevitable digital footprint. Using case studies, testimonies and helpful tips, the facilitators unpack these issues sensitively and directly. Young people are equipped to manage their online profiles with insight, caution and creativity, as they learn how to make the internet work for them.

We encourage you to talk to your child about what they do online in the same way as you ask them about what they do offline. Ask them about what they share, who they talk to, how they know their online friends and what they do to keep themselves safe. You would not let them go to meet someone you did not know without putting some checks in place, would you?

Below are some resources that you can use to enable you to do this:

[www.safeandsoundgroup.org.uk](http://www.safeandsoundgroup.org.uk)

<https://www.ceop.police.uk>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Yours sincerely,

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