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Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Tuesday 8th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2022**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Witton Church Walk Primary School, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to
re-emphasise the online safety messages that we deliver throughout the year.

Each year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores a new issue or theme which is impacting the lives of young people in the UK. This year, the day celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet and the ways in which they are shaping the interactive environment spaces they are a part of. It focuses on **challenging children to foster supportive relationships and respectful communities, whilst equipping them with the skills they need to keep themselves and others safe in these spaces**. During our e-safety day work at school, the children will be exploring, discussing and reflecting on what constitutes respectful behaviour online and what to do if they encounter unkind behaviours directed towards themselves or others.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing your child's learning and conversations around online safety at home. **This year, we are asking that you complete a family online safety plan with all members of your households, to engage in discussions about how we can all work together, as a community, to keep our families safe and happy online.** Your child/children will be coming home with a copy of the online safety plan which can be completed at a time appropriate to yourselves. It will be beneficial to keep this document in a safe place at home, acting as a reminder to be reflected upon and discussed at various points throughout the year, as and when you see appropriate. **We would love to share in the plans that you complete at home as a family, so please remember to tweet**

them and tag us in your tweets! @witton_walkce @HeadWittonWalk @ALishakClass

Please find below, additional resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online:

- Safer Internet Day 2022 resources - https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/i-am-a-parent-or-carer-2
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers
- Advice for parents and carers from Childnet https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from Common Sense Media https://www.commonsensemedia.org/homepage
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from Internet Matters https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from CEOP https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

Online safety is an important issue which, as a school, we are committed to teaching our pupils about.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please get in touch with your child's class teacher, Miss Simpson (E-safety lead) or Mrs Parr (Designated Safeguarding Lead).

Kind Regards,
Miss Simpson

The _____ family online safety plan

Look around your home. Search for all the devices which connect to the internet and record here:

We have [   ] devices which connect to the internet in our home.

It's time to talk

How do we use the internet as a family? (e.g for entertainment, for research...)

How can we keep our family safe and happy online?

What can we use our devices for?	What can't we use our devices for?

Where will we keep our devices?	When can we use our devices?

What should we do if something worries, upsets or confuses us online?

Our next steps

Adults' next steps:	Young people's next steps:

Date:	Signed by:	This plan has been shared with: (grandparents, aunties, uncles, childminder etc.)