



Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Tuesday 8th February**, St Marys will be celebrating **Safer Internet Day**. This is a campaign that provides young people with the knowledge to stay safe online. The theme of the campaign for this year is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

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

Throughout the week, children will be taught about the potential dangers of using the internet and what to do if they feel unhappy or uncomfortable online. We would really appreciate it if this conversation continued at home. Attached is a letter from the **UK Safer Internet Centre which has lots of resources for you to use.**

Online safety is a very important topic which we are committed to teaching our pupils about. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr McIntyre

You may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Resources for Parents and Carers which is available at: saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents. There

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are top tips, quizzes, and films which you can use at home with your child.

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents) ([saferinternet.org.uk/parents](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents))
- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers) ([childnet.com/parents-and-carers](https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers))
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](https://www.common sense media.com) ([commonsense.org](https://www.common sense media.com))
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/controls) ([internetmatters.org./controls](https://www.internetmatters.org/controls))
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from [CEOP](https://www.ceop.police.uk) ([ceop.police.uk](https://www.ceop.police.uk))