THE BEEDING ONLINE SAFETY BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 2020

WELCOME TO OUR LATEST ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER!

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 11th February 2020 and as a school we are taking part in a variety of activities to celebrate this, including online safety assemblies, listening to stories and scenarios, and thinking about our own 'online identity'.

Safer Internet Day is a fantastic opportunity to have a conversation with your child about using the internet safely, responsibly and positively. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, foster carer, aunt, uncle or older sibling – we can all play a role in empowering children to enjoy their time safely online!

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day will encourage young people to explore how they manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others. These are just some of the conversation starters you could use which are a great way to help you talk about these issues with your child:

- *What do you like most about the internet and why? What's your favourite game/app/site?*
- *How does going online make you feel?*
- *How does the internet/technology make your life better?*
- *What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better?*
- *What is different about talking online to someone compared to talking face to face? Is there anything that is the same?*
- *Can people say/do whatever they want online? Why/why not?*

Further information can be found at: https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer

There is also a resource on this website to create a family internet safety plan to help get both adults and children alike to think about their device usage.

Use of images/videos

Please do remember that photographs/videos of school events should not be posted on social media as we have children whose image cannot be in the public domain. Any photos we place on our website are covered through our 'Acceptable Use Policy' that all parents have signed, which covers their child's primary school life, unless we hear otherwise. Thank you for your continued support with this.

If you have any concerns regarding online safety, **please talk to us**! Contact your child's class teacher or Mrs McCauley (Computing Leader).
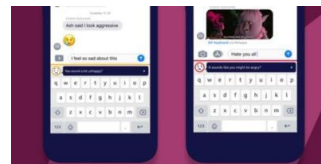
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APP HIGHLIGHT: 'OWN IT'

A fantastic app that can be downloaded to your child's phone/tablet is from BBC called 'Own It'. The app helps children to make smart choices, feel more confident and get advice when they need it.

'Own It' builds up a picture of your child's digital wellbeing and serves relevant content, information and interventions designed to help your child understand the impact that their online behaviours can have on themselves, and on others.

For more information, please visit: https://www.bbc.com/ownit

USEFUL LINKS

➢ A wealth of app and game guides from National Online Safety for parents, including Fortnite, TikTok and YouTube: https://nationalonlinesafety.com/training/search?search=&cat=&type=resource&sort=latest

➢ Lots of fantastic advice for parents and carers of children of all ages from Childnet. There is also lots of advice and guidance for setting up parental controls on games consoles, advice for mobile phones etc. http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers

➢ A huge resource for parents that lets you find out things like age-ratings, advice for particular apps that children are using, minimum ages, content and so much more. https://www.commonsensemedia.org/

➢ Advice from the NSPCC on how to keep our children safe when using technology: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=GEN_-_Safety_-_[BMM]&utm_term=safety_online&gclsrc=aw.ds&&gclid=Cj0KCQiA7OnxBRCNARIsAIW53B88MXfgO9_30wVOXeTbWpo63vfa-3pcu33OD_4VFUrkIE0HcsAmRiwaAhMlEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds

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