

Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Tuesday 9th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2021**. 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 in Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. This year's key focus is, 'Exploring reliability in the online world'. Through the activities and lessons delivered tomorrow, the children will have the opportunity to develop their critical thinking skills and question the motives behind what they see and hear on screen. Our lessons and activities will help them to explore trust online and challenge their personal responses when engaging with the wider digital world.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers which is available at: saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents.

There are also [top tips](#), a [quiz](#) 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:

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](#)
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- Guides on popular apps and games from [NetAware](#)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](#)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](#)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from [CEOP](#)

Online safety is an important issue which as a school, we're 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, our E-Safety lead, Mrs Karen Cooper or our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Joy Hulme and Mrs Laura Lafford.

Kind regards,

Mr M Dodson

