

# BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## SAFER INTERNET DAY - 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. It is celebrated across the globe in over 170 countries, with thousands of young people joining in across the UK to explore how they can use the Internet responsibly, respectfully, and creatively whilst making the most of their relationships online.

We will share Collective Worship with both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to launch this year's theme of '**All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online**'. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that's whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers. To further develop their understanding, the E-Safety Team across Abbey Academies Trust have shared lessons with teachers for each Key Stage to explore this theme in more detail.

## ONE DAY CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

We have also invited One Day Creative in again to lead online workshops with both KS1 and KS2 on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. In KS1 children will be taking part in the **Cyber Heroes** workshop where they will focus on online gaming, discussing the potential pitfalls they might find while playing in the online world including online bullying, age-appropriate content and in-game chat.

In KS2 they will be joining in with the **Don't Talk to Strangers** workshop. This workshop will help the children to realise the online world can sometimes be a confusing place: things are not always what they seem, and people aren't always who they say they are. They will learn the signs to spot, the importance of keeping their private information private, all while having fun on the internet.

## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

We would like to encourage you to ask your children about their Safer Internet Day lesson and the workshop. However, we know that some parents and carers may find it difficult to have conversations about online safety with their children. To support you with these discussions we have attached a 'Conversation Starter' guide which contains a set of questions to help start discussions about how we can all use the internet safely, respectfully, responsibly, and positively when gaming and spending time online. We have also attached a 'Resource Sheet' for parents and carers with useful sources of advice and information online, including how to report online problems.

We have learnt over the last 2 years that now more than ever; it is important that we teach children to stay safe online. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, carer, aunt, uncle or older sibling, we can all play a role in empowering children to enjoy their time online safely.

Thank you for continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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(E-Safety Team)