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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Internet Safety Day this year is on Tuesday 6th February – this year's theme:

***Inspiring change?
Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.***

Your child will be taking part in lessons and assemblies to help them to understand the risks involved whilst being online and how to use the internet safely and responsibly.

As parents, carers and teachers, our responsibility is to ensure that young people stay safe online. Having open discussions with our children is vital; a family agreement suggests ways in which every member of the family can behave in a positive way, when online.

Teaching our children to be responsible and safe online is a shared responsibility between school and parents. I encourage you, next week especially, to look at online safety advice and start conversations about online appropriate behaviour and safety with your children. It is only through a **collaborative effort between parents and teachers** that we will succeed in creating responsible and safe cyber citizens.

Please visit the following websites, which you will hopefully find helpful:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.getsafeonline.org

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Zoumides
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