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Safer Internet Day

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our lives are increasingly governed and informed by what we see and hear online. We watch TV, play games, communicate with relatives and, most recently, develop our learning. The internet is clearly a source of great influence on our lives. As adults we may struggle to keep up with the rapid development of apps, sites and technology. With this in mind, Safer Internet Day is a great way to get to know what the internet has to offer and to ensure that our Newchurch Robins are confident and safe in their journeys through the web.

This year, staff will be posting activities for the children to take part in throughout the day. These will involve using technology but may also include other forms of expressing their learning. We recognise that not every family has access to the same resources so we will also point you in the direction of activities and sites which you can check out yourselves.

This year's theme looks at how reliable the internet is and what we can do to investigate the information we are presented with. Misinformation and disinformation (fake news) are words which we have become far more aware of over the past few years, but do we know how to spot it and what to do if we do?

Below are some really useful sites for parents and carers. Our Google Classroom Pages will also have lots of activities for the children to interact with over the course of the day.

Support for parents:

<https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app>

This new, free app will give parents a wealth of advice on how to manage internet use in their homes and how to keep their children safe. It is really easy to use and guides you through a range of issues and concerns.



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<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

The National Online Safety site also gives parents/carers free access to lots of informative posters which guide you through everything from your child's favourite game and established sites to new consoles and social media. The posters are excellent and help you keep up with the rapidly changing landscape of your child's online life.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/courses/online-safety-lass-for-parents-and-carers-ages-7-11>

These online courses talk you through the things to look out for when your child is active online, how to develop good systems for internet use and, ultimately, how to keep them safe.



Be sure to check out your child's Google Classroom on Tuesday 9th for more activities, use our school website for support with any online safety concerns or contact school if need any further guidance.

With kindest regards,

Mr John Duckett

Deputy Head



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