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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we are joining schools and youth settings across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2022**. 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 wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Harriers 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 the theme is - All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.

We'd 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 resource pack for parents and carers that is available here.

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from <u>Childnet</u>
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from <u>Parentsafe</u>
- Guides on popular apps and games from Net Aware
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from <u>Common Sense Media</u>
- Child based information and games about online safety at Thinkuknow
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from Internet Matters
- In relation to this is an article on how to control and monitor devices using your router
- As well as this guide to apps that will allow you to control and monitor access across multiple devices.
- You can also use tools like <u>Google Family Link</u> for Android devices, or <u>Screen Time</u> for Apple iOS devices, to set up controls around usage
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from <u>CEOP</u>

At Harriers we take online safety seriously and we are committed to providing support to both children and parents alike. Safeguarding of our pupils is our first priority. It is imperative that home and school work closely to ensure all of our pupils are well informed and stay safe when online

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with a member of our designated safeguarding team.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Bee



