



Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Tuesday 9th February** we will be joining schools 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 The Carlton Junior Academy, 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, Safer Internet Day is encouraging everyone to think about reliability online. The campaign looks at how we can know what to trust online, and how we can support young people to question, challenge and change the online world, using the theme, 'An internet we trust: Exploring reliability in the online world.'

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by watching the <u>virtual assembly</u> at home and then having a conversation with your child.

There is also a 30 minute live lesson from the BBC at 11.00 on Tuesday 9th February and this will replace other lessons at this time. In this Live Lesson, the children will learn about how we can stay safe, responsible and wise in an increasingly digital world, with tips and advice from some of the biggest personalities on the web. https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/safer-internet-day-live-lesson/zdh2wnb

Links to the assembly and live lesson will also be posted on Class Dojo on Tuesday 9th February along with information about an exciting 'Internet We Trust' poster competition.

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 short 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 <u>UK Safer Internet Centre</u>
- Guides on popular apps and games from <u>NetAware</u>
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from <u>Common Sense Media</u>
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from <u>Internet Matters</u>
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from <u>CEOP</u>

Online safety is an important issue which we're committed to teaching our pupils about especially in these times when we find ourselves increasingly online.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or myself on Class Dojo or phone the school office to talk to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Kind regards,

Beth Hunter

Assistant Head

